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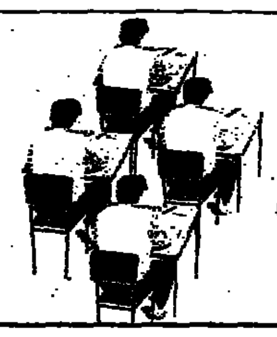

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SCHOOLS WEEK IN THE TIMES

Poll shows support for Princess

Royal Family declines in public esteem

By Peter Riddell

PUBLIC respect for the Royal Family has slipped below that for teachers and social workers, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*. But a separate poll shows that the Princess of Wales, at least, has public support.

The *Times* MORI poll, undertaken before the *Panorama* interview with the Princess on Monday, shows that respect for the Royal Family has dropped more sharply during the 1990s than that for any profession. It now stands below doctors, policemen, teachers, social workers and civil servants.

However, the Royal Family is still more respected than councillors, trade union leaders, company directors, estate agents, journalists and MPs.

The findings underline the cumulative impact on public attitudes of the series of startling disclosures about the marital problems of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York.

But a poll taken for *The Sun* on Wednesday, shows that the Princess of Wales has the support of most of the public. Two-thirds of those questioned believe that she was right to discuss her life in the way she did, and a similar number think it will be benefit rather than harm her.

At least three-quarters thought she appeared caring, lonely, thoughtful and sad, more than two-thirds honest, with less than a third viewing her as cunning. Nearly three-quarters think the Princess has been badly treated by the Royal Family as whole, while three-fifths think the couple should get divorced. A similar proportion believe that, if Prince Charles then married Camilla Parker Bowles, he should not become King.

More than three-quarters think that the Princess would do a good job as a world ambassador for Britain, the role she sought during Monday's interview.

By a three-to-one margin, people believe the interview will harm rather than benefit Prince Charles, and four-fifths think it will harm rather than benefit the image of the royal family as a whole.

Only two per cent think the Princess is to blame for the break-up of the marriage: 43 per cent blame the Prince and 48 per cent blame both equally.

The poll shows that people are particularly concerned about the couple's two sons, and nearly half think that they will be harmed by the interview. A similar proportion said that the Prince of Wales should not give up his right to be the next monarch in favour of Prince William.

The longer-term poll for *The Times* on attitudes towards the Royal Family shows that respect varies sharply with age: it is lowest among 18- to 24-year-olds and highest among pensioners. There are smaller differences by region and class. Conservative supporters and people living in the South are more likely to respect the royal family than Labour loyalists and those living in Scotland and Wales. However, the level of respect is slightly lower in the middle-classes than the working classes, and among men than women.

MORI has asked people about which two or three groups they have most and least respect for. In August 1989, the respect index for the Royal Family, was plus 24 points, third behind doctors and policemen. Now, the index stands at minus six points, sixth in ranking. This is the biggest change over the period for any group.

Among 18- to 24-year-olds, the Royal Family comes 12th, at minus 30 points, while, among those aged over 65, it is still fifth at plus 10 points.

The poll shows that MPs are bottom of the list, just below journalists and estate agents. There has been no change since in 1989 in the ranking of estate agents, possibly because they are less criticised when the housing market is sluggish than when it is booming.

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Soames rebuked after protests by MPs

By Philip Webster Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR has gagged Nicholas Soames, the Minister for the Armed Forces, amid growing protests from MPs and within the Tory party over his decision to question the state of mind of the Princess of Wales.

Yesterday the Prime Minister humiliated Mr Soames, a friend of the Prince of Wales and a former equerry, by telling MPs that he had been silenced. Mr Major had told Mr Soames to refrain from further public comment on the affair during a chance encounter in the Commons voting lobbies on Wednesday night.

Mr Major was reported last night to have lost patience with Mr Soames, who suggested that the Princess was in the "advanced stages of paranoia" minutes after her sensational *Panorama* broadcast on Monday. He made similar comments in further broadcasts and in talks with newspapers.

Senior sources said last night that Mr Soames had clearly overstepped the rule that ministers do not become publicly involved in matters affecting the Royal Family. The Prime Minister maintained his refusal yesterday to comment on the Princess's interview, but was pinned down in the Commons by a call from the Labour MP, Andrew Mackinlay, to sack Mr Soames over his remarks.

Mr Major replied pointedly: "I do not expect any more comments." The rebuke was backed by Tory MPs and Lord Tebbit, the former party chairman and minister. Last night the 1922 Committee executive agreed to complain to the Chief Whip about the minister's attacks on the Princess.

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The Princess strokes the hair of a three-year-old boy called Augustin during a visit to a child paralysis centre

Winning hearts in Argentina

From Alan Hamilton in Buenos Aires

THE PRINCESS of Wales flew into Argentina yesterday and immediately set about consolidating her aim of being queen of hearts — touching, stroking and holding hands with handicapped children in a rundown hospital.

The Princess is due to visit six hospitals in two days, and she was at the first within three hours of touching down at Buenos Aires airport, looking fresh as a daisy in white after the 13-hour overnight flight from London.

At the first, she was greeted by a 12-year-old boy in a wheelchair who, by presenting a posy of flowers and making a welcoming speech in Spanish, fulfilled a long-standing ambition.

She then toured the 48 beds and visited the gymnasium where she saw 12 severely disabled children performing remedial exercises. She chatted to them through an interpreter, holding the hand of first one child, then another, stroking a little girl's hair, then a little boy's arm. The tallest woman in the room, she also talked animatedly to doctors and physiotherapists.

This is the role the Princess performs best and the one, according to her *Panorama* interview, that she would like to develop as an ambassador for Britain.

But as she unfolded her long slender frame like an opening penknife from the back of the Embassy Daimler at the clinic, the crowd that shouted "Holà!" was more interested in a supermodel than an ambassador.

In the crush, however, honest citizens were vastly outnumbered by a brawl of nearly three hundred cameramen and reporters. The British Embassy, treading diplomatic water, had done little to publicise the four-day tour, claiming it is an unofficial working visit at the invitation of Argentine medical charities. But the Association for the Prevention of Infantile Paralysis, whose clinic was the first port of call, was in no doubt that it had been chosen by the Argentine Government as a vehicle to get the Princess to the country.

Although when it was announced, the visit was hastily downgraded from "official" to "working", it has the discreet approval of the Foreign Office as a suitable primer to closer formal ties, including the Princess Royal's visit in January and President Menem's state visit to Britain later next year. Yesterday, the Princess met the Health Minister, Dr Alberto José Mazza — an indication that the trip may be more official than it appears.

The British Royal Family is a subject of endless fascination in a country that absorbed British culture and investment by the trainload in its formative years, and the *Panorama* interview has added piquancy to the Princess's visit.

Subtitled highlights of the interview were shown on local television and have earned the Princess a degree of sympathy and even admiration. Confessions of sexual dalliance are no big deal in a country where even the President is a self-confessed "seducer", but for a woman to make such statements is another matter.

Time is running out for GMT

By Alice Thomson Political Reporter

THE British could soon set their clocks in time with the rest of Europe. The Tory backbencher John Butterfill yesterday came first in the annual ballot of MPs to introduce a Private Member's Bill and within an hour decided to sponsor a Bill scrapping Greenwich Mean Time.

The Bill, which is unlikely to be opposed by the Government, would lead to the adoption of Central European Time. British clocks would stay on summer time in the winter and change to double summer time in the summer.

Mr Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West, already has the backing of more than 170 MPs on both sides of the House, and many peers.

The Home Office has not yet decided whether to back the Bill. The Treasury is known to support change, as is the Department of Trade and Industry. More than 200 businesses have joined the Daylight Extra campaign to scrap GMT.

As Mr Butterfill has come first, there will be time for his Bill to be fully debated and MPs are likely to be given a free vote.

Mr Butterfill said yesterday: "This measure will save lives and help businesses. The police back the measure because it would save 660 deaths and serious injuries a year. It would also bring in an extra £1 billion in tourism income a year because when it's dark outside, people don't go out so much."

However, the Scottish Office is extremely resistant to the idea. It argues that businesses have coped with different time zones for years and it would complicate matters to change everything now.

Mr Butterfill said he would accept an amendment for Scotland to stay on the present time system but campaigners for change say that would be too complicated.

Ireland split over divorce

The Irish Republic votes today on lifting the constitutional ban on divorce. Opinion polls show supporters and opponents of reform are evenly matched.

John Bruton, the Prime Minister, made a final appeal for a "yes" vote but the Roman Catholic Church, in particular, has mobilised heavy backing for the "no" movement .... Pages 8, 21

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Tories pledge more school selection

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, disclosed last night plans to encourage state schools to select more pupils by ability, as part of a radical agenda to accentuate differences from Labour. She is also moving closer to removing all secondary schools from local authority control.

Mrs Shephard will issue proposals soon for a 50 per cent increase in the proportion of pupils schools are allowed to select without applying to Whitehall for a formal change of character. The switch will appeal to those who support grammar schools and face bitter opposition from Labour, which will be anxious that some schools will be left in a spiral of decline as rivals cream off the brightest pupils.

Mrs Shephard's plans will allow 4,000 secondary schools unexpected freedom of choice. John Major suggested in a speech in September that only grant-maintained schools should benefit from greater flexibility over admissions.

Mr Major's longer-term ambition to make all schools grant-maintained has been boosted by analysis of this year's league tables, which shows opted-out schools achieving much better GCSE results than their local authority counterparts. Figures produced for the Education and Employment Department show 44.7 per cent of pupils in grant-maintained comprehensives achieving five top grades, compared with 38.7 per cent in local authority schools.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mrs Shephard said: "We think that self-govern-

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Insider beats police to MI5's top job

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

STEPHEN LANDER, the former head of MI5's Irish counter-terrorism branch, is to succeed the director-general, Stella Rimington, when she retires next year.

Mr Lander, 48, was selected over candidates being considered from other government departments and Scotland Yard. He will take over next Easter, Downing Street announced yesterday.

The new head of GCHQ, the Government's secret communications centre in Cheltenham, was also announced. David Omand, also 48, who is currently Deputy Under Secretary for policy at the Ministry of Defence, is to replace Sir John Adye, who retires next July.

A special Civil Service selection board considered a number of potential candidates for the leadership of MI5, which employs 2,000 staff with an annual budget of about £150 million. It is understood that although some senior police officers were considered, none appeared on the final shortlist presented to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

There had been speculation that a police officer might be chosen, partly because of the growing co-operation between MI5 and the police over countering the IRA, also because of the announcement in the Queen's Speech that MI5 is to help the police in intelligence-gathering operations to combat organised crime.

In her four-year spell, Mrs Rimington opened up the Security Service more than any of her predecessors and won a key battle to wrest prime responsibility for intelligence-gathering against the IRA from Special Branch.

Mr Lander, married with

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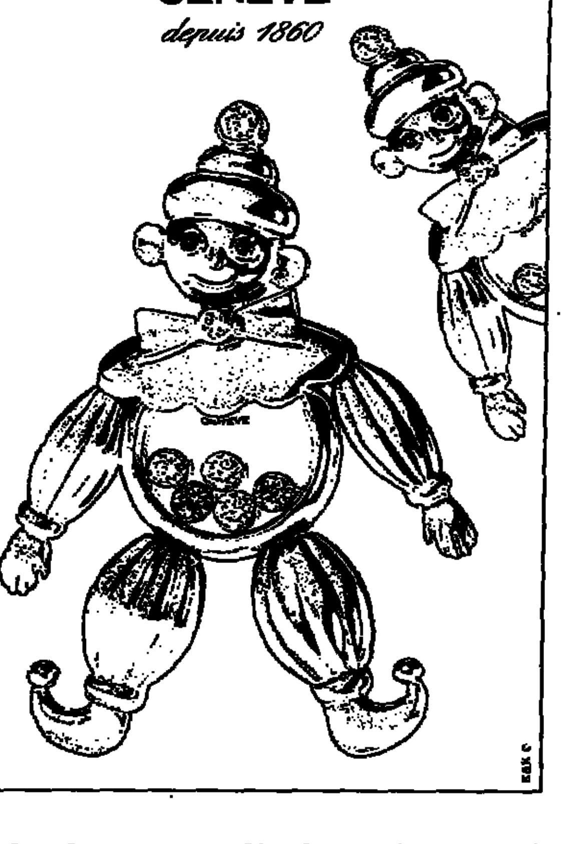

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Bullyboy Major kicks out — and scores an own goal

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

PERHAPS it would have been better if John Major had kicked the sofa or the cat before setting out for Prime Minister's Questions yesterday, for he arrived in a mood to lash out.

So determined was he to lash out that it did not much matter at whom. He lashed out at a smaller boy: the leader of the Labour Party. He lashed out at a bigger boy: his own Minister, the 16-stone Nicholas Soames. And he lashed out mercilessly at someone his own size: himself. The spat with Tony Blair was understandable, if depressingly familiar. Mr Blair said that, under Major's Government, overall tax had risen by the equivalent of 7p in the pound on the basic rate.

This is true. Let us call it Fact A.

Mr Major replied that, under his Government, average take-home pay had increased substantially in real terms: and mortgage costs had been greatly reduced.

This is true. Let us call it Fact B.

Facts A and B are not inconsistent with each other. They are reconciled by Fact C: that average earnings have increased by more than average tax bills.

Even the meanest intellect in the Press Gallery understood this. Some of the MPs did too.

But it was not enough for the leaders of our two great parties. So Mr Blair repeated Fact A, rather louder and in an aggrieved tone, as though his question had been ignored, which it had.

Mr Major then repeated Fact B, in tones of rising anger, as though his answer had been ignored, which it had.

Each then trotted out their parboiled soundbites ("here's one I prepared earlier"): Blair's to the effect that the Tories were "a party of broken promises and unfair taxes" (true: Fact D); and Major's to the effect that few seriously believed a Labour Government would cut taxes (true: Fact E). Then each glared at the other, as though contradicted.

For a moment it looked as if each would now yell his new fact out again, even louder. Mercifully, the moment passed.

But the PM had more anger yet to express. Tony Banks (Lab, Newham North West) asked Major whether he agreed with his Minister of State for the Armed Forces (Nicholas Soames) that the Princess of Wales was "in an advanced state of paranoia". Mr Major has always had a soft spot for Princess Diana, and looked with alarm at Labour's dangerously popular move towards becoming the Princess's Party.

He appeared on the verge of lashing out at Soames, but thought better of it, bit his lip, and replied that he would not be drawn in.

Then Andrew MacKinlay (Lab, Thurrock) brought up the sore point again, calling Mr Soames "the Prince's butler" and inviting the PM to sack him.

Major's chivalry got the better of him. Referring to Soames he snapped: "I do *not* expect any more comments."

The score in these two matches was: *Blair 1, Major 1;* and *Major 1, Soames offside*. But the Prime Minister had been spoiling for another kick.

Unfortunately this was into his own goal. Challenged by Labour's Alan Williams (Carmarthen) to describe, after five years at Downing Street, the achievements of which he was most proud, Major started with inflation: when first he became Prime Minister, he said, "inflation was 9½ per cent: now it is 2½ per cent".

There was a moment's pause. Then the first giggle split the silence.

The Prime Minister had forgotten that the Chancellor from whom he had inherited this shocking rate of inflation, at 9½ per cent, was ... John Major.

Oh dear.

No compromise on disarmament

Frantic telephone calls fail to break Irish deadlock

By Philip Webster, Nicholas Watt and Martin Fletcher

JOHN MAJOR and John Bruton were trying desperately last night to avoid a collapse in their talks on the Northern Ireland peace process before next week's visit by President Clinton.

As the two Prime Ministers failed in another telephone conversation — their third in three days — to reach a compromise on the crucial issue of IRA disarmament, both sides were at pains to stress that the talks had not broken down. The two men will talk again today in an attempt to rescue their planned summit in Dublin, but the preferred date, today, has already been missed and the chances of it happening soon appear to have faded.

Even so, neither London nor Dublin were prepared last night to rule out the possibility of a meeting over the weekend to approve an agreement that will allow the twin track peace process — setting up an international disarmament commission to oversee the dismantling of IRA arms alongside preparatory talks between the political parties — to go ahead.

The view in both capitals is that the atmosphere for Mr Clinton's visit would be assisted if a deal could be reached. But Mr Major will be wary of Unionist anger if he is seen to make serious concessions on the eve of the visit. Downing Street officials insisted last night that the Government believed it should be possible to launch the twin-track process on the basis of the London proposals of last weekend and the talks since then between Mr Major and Mr Bruton.

Senior Irish government sources said that the two leaders had made only limited progress in their telephone conversation yesterday. The crucial stumbling block is the demand by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, backed by the SDLP leader John Hume, that the "Washington Three" condition — requiring the IRA to give up weapons before being allowed into full talks — should be on the commission's agenda.

Mr Major will not give way and cannot allow the condition to be in the formal remit, but he is prepared to accept that once the commission is established anything is likely to be raised before it. According to informed sources, the outcome will be determined by whether Mr Bruton is prepared to break free of Mr Adams and Mr Hume on the issue.

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, conceded that Anglo-Irish negotiations faced an impasse, but he remained upbeat that the prime ministers would make progress in a further telephone conversation today.

Mr Spring told the BBC: "The reality is that we have an impasse in relation to the peace process in Northern Ireland. There is an obligation on both governments and the parties to resolve that impasse and we are doing everything possible to ensure that we can further the peace process."

President Clinton, who will become the first American president to visit Northern Ireland next Thursday, spoke to Mr Bruton on Wednesday night about the deadlock in the peace process. However, a senior White House official said that Mr Clinton was not expected to "pull a rabbit out of the hat".

Fox defeats Right's 1922 challenge

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

Sir Marcus yesterday after retaining post

SIR MARCUS FOX was re-elected leader of Tory backbenchers last night as hardline rightwingers failed to strengthen their grip on the 1922 Committee.

Sir Marcus, chairman since 1992, beat off a challenge from Robert Dunn, a former Education Minister and MP for Dartford. Sir Marcus, whom Mr Dunn accused of turning the committee into a "media circus", said his more open style of leadership had been vindicated by the vote.

John Major will be relieved that control of the committee, the main channel of communication with the parliamentary party, remains in friendly hands. The only change in the make-up of the 18-strong body was the election of Sir Archibald Hamilton, a right-wing moderate and former minister, to one of the 12 places on the executive.

Sir Archibald, a staunch supporter of Mr Major, served on the select committee on standards in public life and was a critic of the Nolan proposals for MPs to declare outside earnings.

MICHAEL STEPHENS

Stephen Lander: takes over from Stella Rimington as director-general of MI5

Insider lands top MI5 job

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two children, has had a similar career to Mrs Rimington, having worked in all the main branches of MI5. He is quietly spoken, almost shy: Mrs Rimington also had a reputation for shyness, until she became director-general.

Mr Lander, who was educated at Bishop's Stortford College and Queens' College, Cambridge, where he took a PhD in history, joined MI5 in 1975 after working for the Institute of Historical Research at the University of London.

During his early career with MI5 he worked in most of the five intelligence branches, including counter-espionage and counter-subversion. He was also in the department covering personnel, training and security, and was head of the registry of files.

Between 1989 and 1994 he was involved in counter-terrorism, ending as director of Irish counter-terrorism. He was attached to the Foreign Office for two years, working in the Near East and North Africa department.

Since September last year, he has been MI5's director of corporate affairs, responsible for information technology and strategic planning. As director-general, he will earn about £92,000 a year.

David Omand: will have to prune GCHQ

Mr Omand's principal job as the next director of GCHQ will be to continue pruning the agency's 6,500 workforce as increasingly sophisticated computers are installed at Cheltenham.

Mr Omand, also married with two children, began his career at GCHQ after leaving Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. However, he soon transferred to the MoD as an assistant principal, and rose to become one of the youngest deputy under secretaries in the Civil Service. He has been a member of the Cabinet Office Joint Intelligence Committee since 1992.

During his career at the MoD, Mr Omand has been responsible for many of the recent cuts announced since the end of the Cold War.

GCHQ, which has an annual budget of about £500 million, is expected to face further cuts of about 25 per cent, following a study headed by Roger Hurn of Smiths Industries, which is understood to have found it overmanned and costly.

French ferries face ban in safety dispute

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

FRENCH car ferries could be barred from entering British ports in a dispute about tough new safety standards designed to improve the stability of roll-on, roll-off vessels.

The Government wants international acceptance of safety rules for ro-ros drawn up after the *Estonia* and *Herald of Free Enterprise* disasters, in which more than 1,000 people were drowned after the ferries capsized.

The French are expected to oppose tough standards proposed by the British and other northern European countries at a meeting of maritime nations in London this week. These would require all ro-ros to stay upright and afloat in rough seas even if they are holed below the waterline and have up to 50cm of water on their car decks.

Current international standards do not require ferries to be capable of surviving a flooding of the car deck, which is known to be capable of capsizing a packed passenger ferry in minutes.

The proposal, which would come into effect in 1999, is opposed by southern European nations, including France, which have condemned it as excessively costly and inappropriate for the calmer waters of the Mediterranean.

"If we make British ferries comply then we also have to find a vehicle for making French ferries comply," a Government source said. If they refused, the bottom line was that the French ferries would be banned, he said.

The ban would affect nine of the biggest ferries on the cross-Channel routes, three owned by SNAT, which operates between Dover and Calais and Zeebrugge, and six owned by Brittany Ferries.

At least seven countries, Britain, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, are likely to impose the new standard even without international agreement.

Hitch for Howard's immigrant check

Michael Howard's plan to fine employers for hiring illegal immigrants was thrown off course yesterday when MPs revealed a serious flaw in the proposed method of checking workers' identity.

The Home Secretary said this week that the "most straightforward" check would be for companies to monitor National Insurance documents. But the Social Security Select Committee disclosed that up to 20 million spare numbers were in the system, exposing it to the risk of fraud. Almost nine million belong to people who have died.

The all-party committee criticised lax controls over the issuing of new numbers.

Widow's hope

The widow of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the former Tory MP for Perth and Kinross, seriously considered putting herself forward for the seat after her husband's death early this year. Lady Fairbairn believes she might have been able to hold the seat for the Tories. In the event Rosanna Cunningham, of the Scottish National Party, won with a 7,311 majority.

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Unequal in law

Fewer than one in three women solicitors feel they have the same opportunities as their male counterparts. The survey of 387 women solicitors also found that 32 per cent thought their overall reward package was likely to be less than that of male colleagues performing the same duties. However, most thought this was because of family commitments, not discrimination.

TV tax averted

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has fought off a Treasury attempt to impose a new tax on television companies after the intervention of the Prime Minister. The Broadcasting Bill, to be published at the end of next week, will make clear that companies embarking on the digital television revolution will not be required to pay a Treasury levy.

State care fears

Elderly and infirm people will be denied access to state-funded care because new government rules are expected to be interpreted too strictly by some authorities, the Commons Health Committee said yesterday. Local health authorities have been given too much discretion to define who is eligible for state-funded care, a report by the committee concludes.

Breast cancer fall

Deaths from breast cancer in England and Wales are falling rapidly while the number of cases detected has risen thanks to improved screening, according a report in the *British Medical Journal*. Since 1990, the death rate in women aged 55 to 69 has fallen by 12 per cent, which is thought to be due to early detection and wider use of the drug tamoxifen.

PC who held boy's ear guilty of assault

By Kate Alderson

A POLICEMAN who grabbed a teenager by the ear when he swore at him faces disciplinary proceedings and could lose his job after being found guilty of common assault.

PC Nicholas Godber, 37, of West Yorkshire Police, was yesterday fined £300 with £300 costs by Bradford magistrates and ordered to pay £50 compensation to the teenager after the incident in Shipley in July. The court ruled that he had used unlawful force in grabbing the youth while trying to establish his name and address so that the officer could speak to his parents.

PC Godber saw the youth, who can not be named for legal reasons, with three other teenagers in Shipley town centre, the court was told. They were jumping on each other's backs and clattering into the shutters of shops. PC Godber, a serving officer for 13 years, said he had asked the youngsters to move on but after driving around the block found them still there. He called the 15-year-old boy over to his car and asked his name but the teenager started struggling and swearing so the officer grabbed him by the ear.

"I would have been a total disgrace to every other officer in the force if I had let them laugh at me by letting them get away with it," PC Godber told the court.

PC Godber denied punching the boy and pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault. Guy Hodgson, the stipendiary magistrate, said he did not accept the boy had been punched. "In days gone by the beat bobby would have received a great deal more respect. But those days are long gone and PC Godber had no lawful authority to restrain the youth as he did."

Shephard pledge on selection

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ment really does release something special in a school. These results show that grant-maintained schools have done a lot better than local education authority comprehensives, often in very similar areas, and it would be irresponsible of any government not to look seriously at that."

Work on a funding formula has been revived since Mr Major's hint that all schools might become grant-maintained. The proposal is being considered as a key pledge for the election manifesto.

Mrs Shephard said she would give a "fair wind" to proposals from schools wishing to select some or all pupils on academic ability. Others would be allowed to increase the numbers selected for aptitude in languages, technology, music, drama or sport.

Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, said: "Many grant-maintained schools will welcome the added flexibility these changes will bring."

A Labour spokesman said: "Tinkering with admissions procedures will do nothing to address the widening gap in achievement, which should be Mrs Shephard's first concern. Despite the worries she expressed in her Cabinet memorandum, she is still paying more attention to structures than standards."

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Disgraced trader flies back to Singapore promising full co-operation over bank collapse

Leeson will face court today after voluntary return

By Jane Howard in Singapore, Andrew Drummond and Robert Miller

NICK LEESON is expected to make his first appearance before a Singapore court today after his extradition from Germany.

Mr Leeson, 29, arrived at Changi airport yesterday on board a Singapore Airlines flight from Frankfurt, almost nine months after he fled the republic.

Dressed casually in sweatshirt, track-suit trousers and with a baseball cap worn backwards, the futures trader blamed for the collapse of Barings bank looked relaxed as he was led away by officials from Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department (CAD).

An onlooker's cry of "Keep your chin up, mate!" raised a brief smile but no comment from Mr Leeson, who was accompanied on the flight by his wife Lisa and Stephen Pollard, his English lawyer

Mrs Leeson, 26, sat a few rows in front of her husband, who was seated next to a CAD official in the business class section. He was not handcuffed and his wife was allowed to join him for breakfast and lunch.

Speaking to journalists aboard the flight, John Koh, his Singapore lawyer, said of Mr Leeson: "There are a lot of things going through his mind, but he's not worried that he'll be made a scapegoat and he's comfortable that he'll be treated fairly."

At the airport, Mrs Leeson emerged into the arrivals hall five minutes after her husband was driven away to be photographed and fingerprinted. She later took a taxi into the city with Mr Pollard.

Mr Leeson is expected to appear before magistrates today to hear 11 charges of forgery and cheating, which carry a maximum sentence of 14 years. Mr Koh, a former director of the CAD, has indicated that his client will not have to enter a plea and it is likely that he will be remanded in custody.

Shortly after the court appearance CAD investigators will begin questioning Mr Lesson in detail about the events that led to the crash of the 233-year-old merchant bank. Mr Leeson has promised full co-operation.

A report into the £860 million failure of Barings, published by the Singapore authorities last month, was highly critical of Mr Leeson's bosses accusing them of "institutional incompetence" and the "total failure of internal controls".

Those most thought to blame were James Bax, regional manager of Barings' South-East Asia operations, who was Mr Leeson's immediate superior and Peter Norris, group chief executive officer, who is in Britain.

The CAD is still investigating "any possible criminal acts by persons in Singapore" and Mr Bax who remains on the island having surrendered his passport, may face charges once questioning of Mr Leeson is completed.

In the past few weeks the strategy formulated by Mr Leeson's legal advisers is that he is likely to plead guilty to some of the charges he faces and then to make a plea of mitigation.

After initially fighting extradition while being held in Hoechst prison in Frankfurt, he has returned voluntarily to Singapore and co-operated with the authorities in providing evidence which might lead to further arrests. He has also apologised publicly to "all Singaporeans" for having doubted that he would receive a fair trial.

It is thought that he is facing a prison sentence, if convicted, of four to six years, with a third off for good behaviour and he may also be allowed to take into account the eight months spent in custody in Germany. In that case he could return to Britain having served about two years.

The speculation in Singapore last night was that Leeson will be held at a medium-security prison during his trial rather than the high-security Changi prison for serious offenders.

A CAD statement said yesterday: "As is required by law, he [Leeson] would have to be notified of the charges and be given the opportunity to answer the charges.

"For this purpose and for questioning, he was brought to the CAD and may be held over for the night."

☐ The German sportswear-maker Adidas AG has denied it is sponsoring Mr Leeson, who arrived in Singapore sporting a new green Adidas sweatshirt and baseball cap.

"There is no sponsorship deal," an Adidas spokesman said. Other Adidas officials, who declined to be named, choked back giggles as they said the idea that Adidas would want to be associated with an alleged financial criminal was "ludicrous".

SIMON THONG

Nick Leeson, escorted by Singaporean officials, arriving at Chang airport yesterday; his wife and English lawyer travelled with him

Banned driver killed cyclist

A DISQUALIFIED driver who knocked down and killed a cyclist ten days after being released from prison for his third drink-driving offence was jailed for six-and-a-half years yesterday. The Old Bailey heard that Brendon Cheshire had been so drunk that he was not fit to be interviewed until nearly 24 hours later.

Cheshire, 35, of Barking, east London, had previous convictions dating back to his teens for dangerous driving, driving without insurance, failing to give breath specimens and driving while disqualified, the court was told. Jailing him, Judge Capstick said: "There are clear aggravating features: there is drink, there is failure to stop and there is your previous record."

Cheshire was three-and-a-half times over the legal limit for driving when he knocked David Stoten, 35, from his bicycle on a flyover in Barking in August, Lindsay Burn, for the prosecution, said. Mr Stoten, who had been going home after seeing his fiancée, was found in the road.

Cheshire had not stopped but was found beside a block of flats near by. Residents had called police after they saw his car, its windscreen smashed, mount the pavement and the driver stagger drunkenly from it. When officers arrived, Cheshire was slumped in the driving seat. "I have had an accident," he told police. His eyes were glazed and his answers incomprehensible.

The court heard that Cheshire had left prison determined not to drink, but then he had found out his girlfriend and the mother of his child wanted no more to do with him. His counsel, Joseph Giret, said that Cheshire had told him: "I found the whole world turned in on me so I turned back to drink."

Mr Giret said Cheshire, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and without insurance, deeply regretted the accident.

Jet passengers take a detour to save hot dog

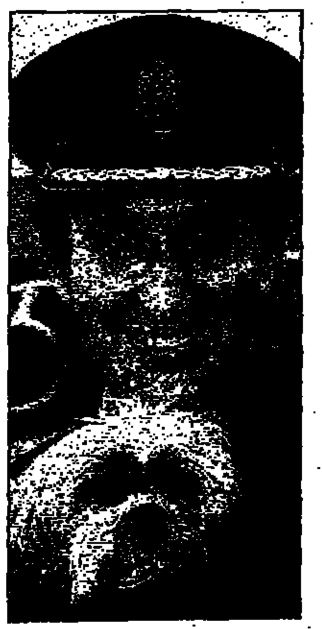
By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

A BRITISH AIRWAYS jet flying from America to Britain was diverted at a cost of more than £12,000 to save the life of a dog sweltering in temperatures of up to 55C (130F) in the cargo hold.

Nearly all the 208 passengers on board the McDonnell Douglas DC-10 tri-jet voted in favour of the aircraft being diverted so that Louise, a five-year-old shih-tzu, could be rescued from the overheated hold and treated by a vet at Boston airport.

The dog was on its way from Houston to Gatwick to join Irene Saunders, 73, a Texan who had decided to make her home in the Cotswolds. She bought Louise for $300 (about £190) and had prepared a custom-built kennel so the dog could stay happily in the hold.

Mrs Saunders flew to Gatwick the day before, then waited anxiously for Louise, whose single ticket had cost £100. "Thank goodness I was not on board myself or I would have been going frantic." Mrs Saunders said yesterday as Louise was released from quarantine.



Louise and her saviour, Captain Rex Graveley

The captain, Rex Graveley, had tried unsuccesfully to control the soaring temperatures in the hold for two hours. "We started off with the temperature at around 55C," he said. "We assumed that it would drop as we flew higher, but it didn't. Obviously the valve which controls the temperature in the hold must have been stuck."

Worried about Louise's safety, Captain Graveley decided to ask the passengers if they minded if he diverted. "I knew that the dog had been in the hold for two hours and that if it remained there much longer it would not survive. Yet if we diverted it would mean a delay of over three hours at huge inconvenience for my passengers, so I left it to them."

Almost everyone on board raised their hands. "There were a couple who objected, but they might not have understood the problem," a BA spokesman said.

The aircraft diverted to Boston and was on the ground for three hours while vets cooled down the panting dog and kept it under observation overnight.

Yesterday Captain Graveley met Mrs Saunders at Heathrow, where he and his crew were presented with an award by the World Society for the Protection of Animals.

"Louise means everthing to me," Mrs Saunders said. "I owe her life to BA, Captain Graveley and the wonderful passengers."

☐ Two aircraft collided on the runway at Heathrow yesterday. The accident happened as a Gulf Air Airbus A340 and a British Airways 757 were manoeuvring on a taxiway. Contact was made between the wingtip of the Airbus and the lower rudder of the 757. No one was hurt.

Doctor's widow forgives boy

By Andrew Pierce

A SCHOOLBOY was jailed for six years for killing a pioneering doctor in front of his wife during a holiday in Turkey to celebrate his retirement. The family of Dr Michael Kettle last night forgave the 15-year-old murderer, whom they described as a "lost little sheep" who required psychiatric care.

Zeki Demir, who had a history of mental problems, shot Dr Kettle in the back as he and his wife were walking on the coast last June, the court in the resort town of Marmaris, southern Turkey, was told.

Seconds earlier Dr Kettle and his wife Frankie, from Portsmouth, had offered his killer a gift of food and water, which he had rejected. They walked on a little, then Dr Kettle was shot.

Mrs Kettle said that she had forgiven her husband's killer. "He is a lost little sheep. I have no feelings of hate towards him," she said.

Dr Kettle, 60, a gynaecologist, had recently retired from St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, after a 27-year career. He had devised a pioneering triple screening programme at the hospital to detect deformity in foetuses.

Mrs Kettle, who had taken many happy holidays in Turkey with her husband, added: "The incident doesn't bear any relationship to the warmth and hospitality that we have had from the Turkish people." But she admitted: "I feel anger and it's selfish anger for the death of my husband."

The governor of the province where the murder took place, in woods near the town of Ula, 19 miles north of Marmaris, had welcomed her back as his personal guest.

Demir, who was sentenced on Wednesday, was suspected by police of having burgled several foreign-owned visiting yachts. He had spent periods in a mental hospital.

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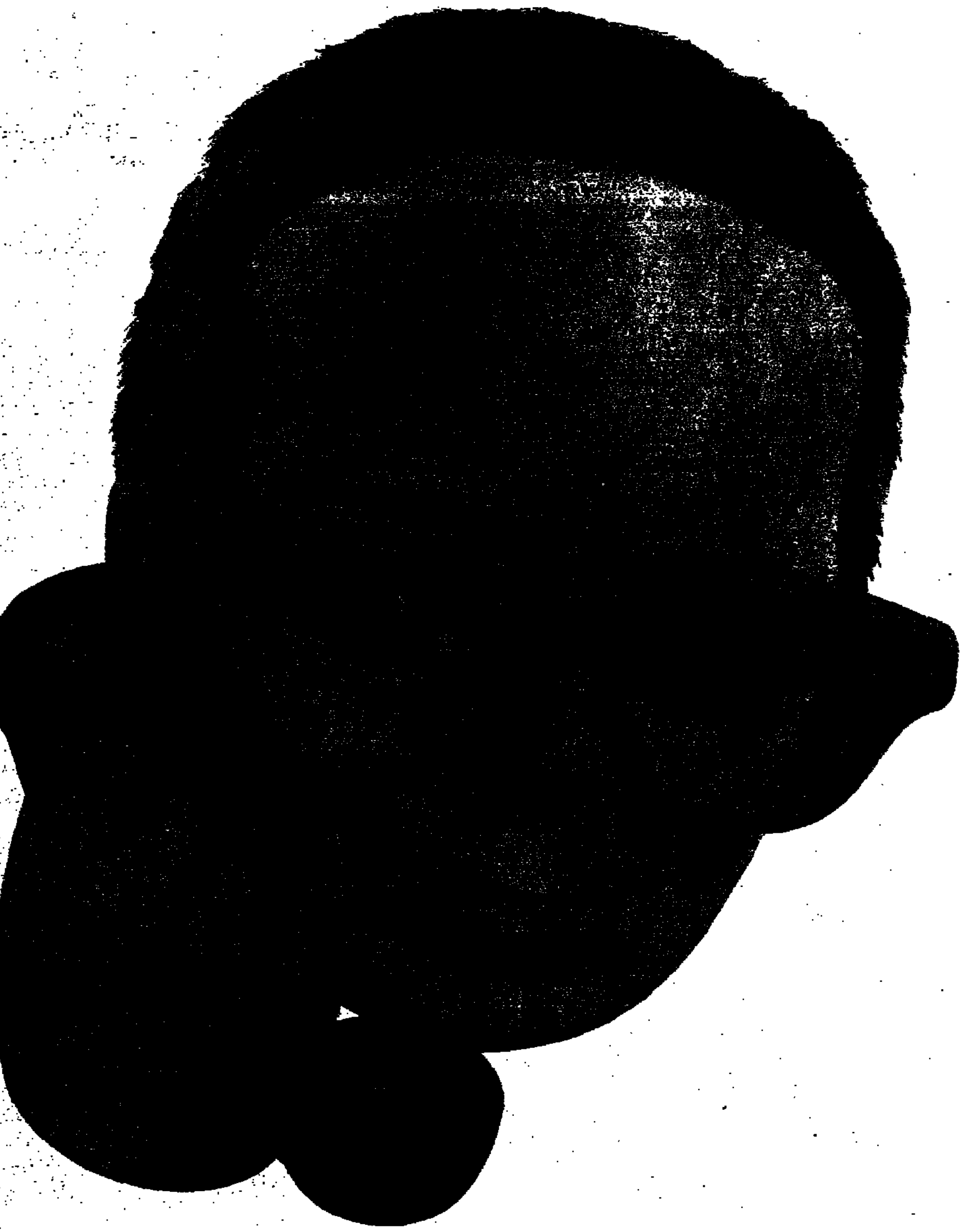

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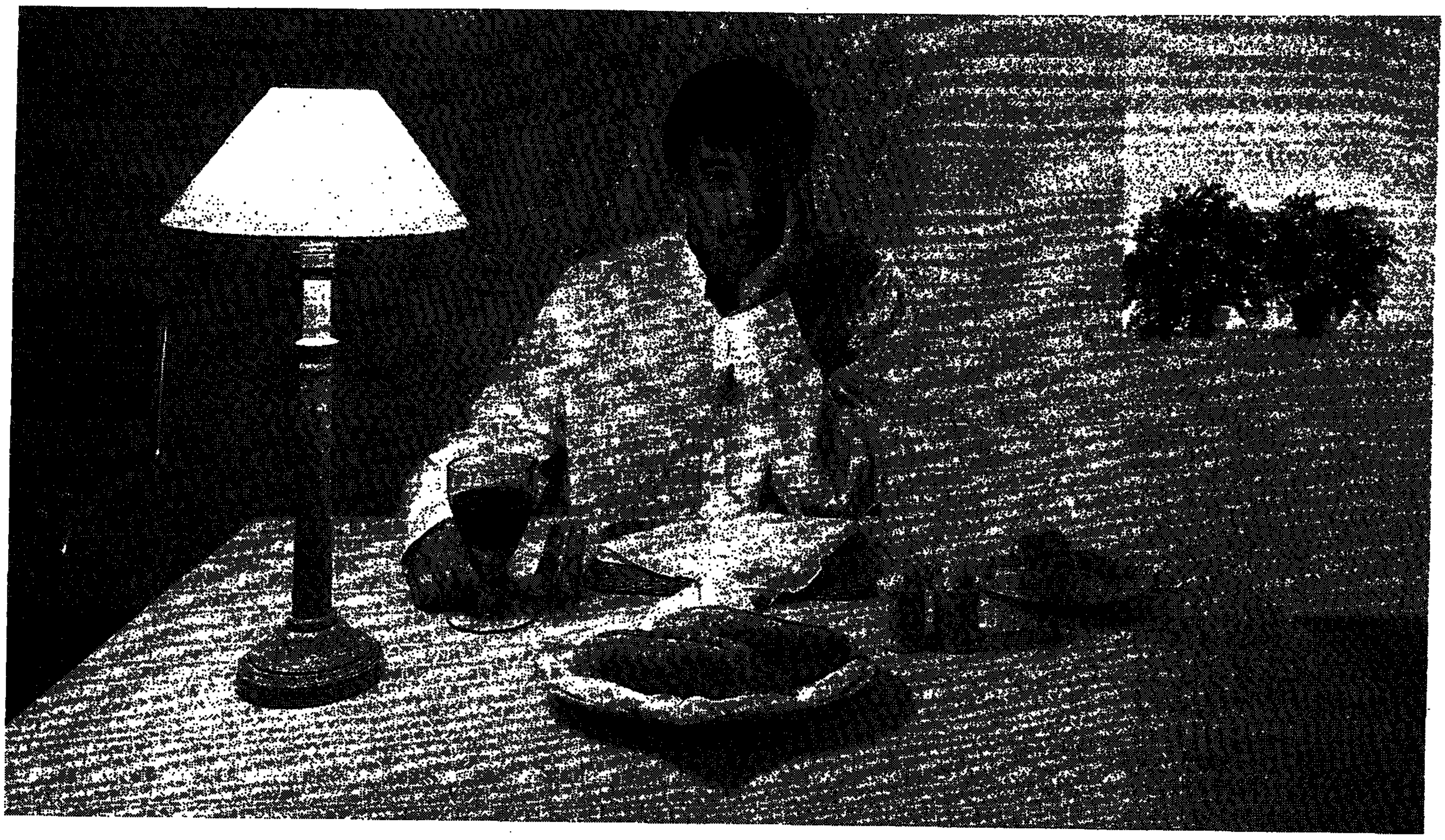

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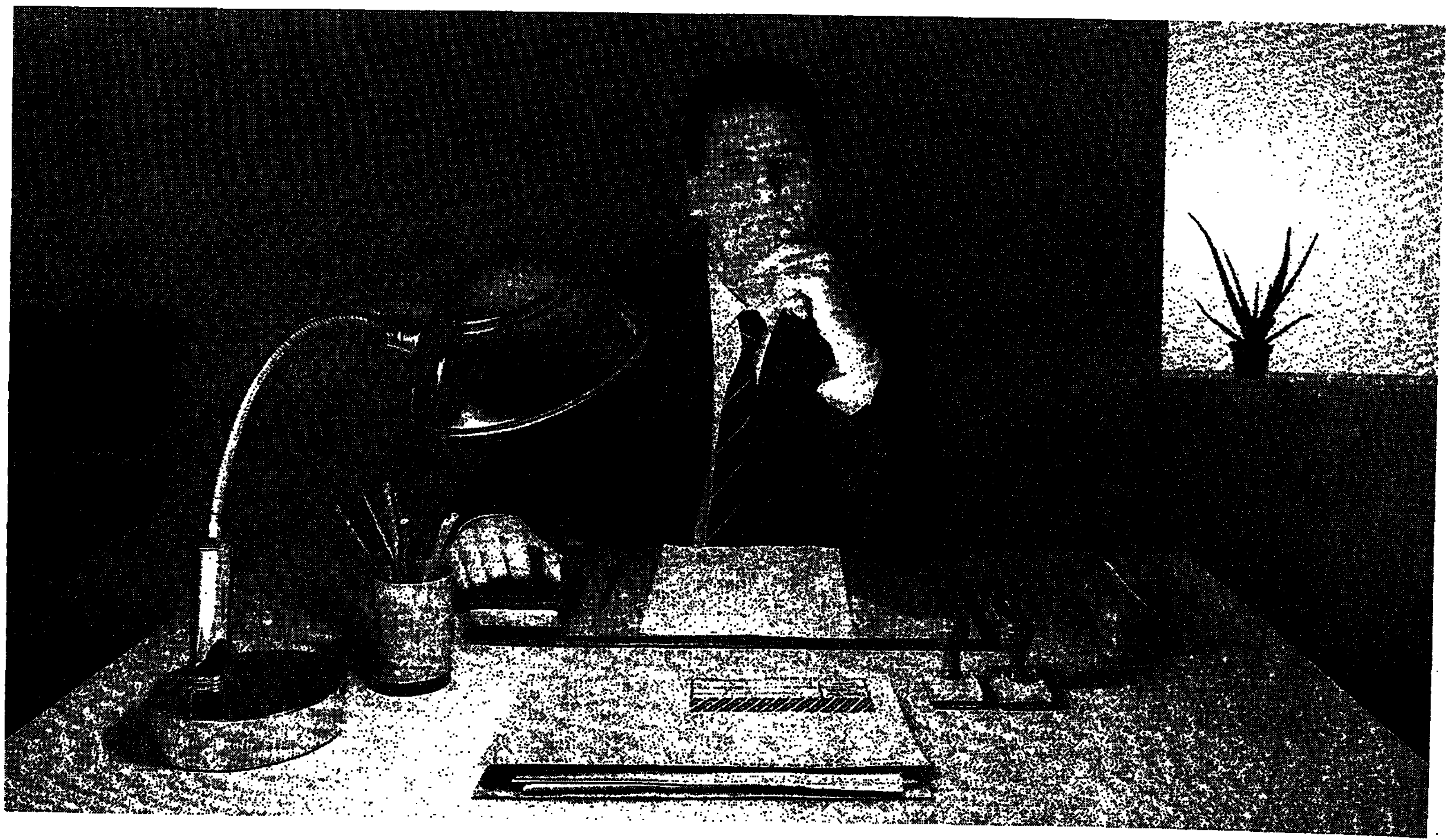

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Libel jury told of telephone calls

MP's sister 'was out to get him by telling paper he was gay'

By Tim Jones

AN MP's sister hated him so much that she sought to destroy him by making allegations of homosexual liaisons in a series of anonymous telephone calls to a national newspaper, a libel jury was told yesterday.

It was claimed in the High Court that Lynne Garling was behind the telephone calls to *The Sunday Times* which sought to paint a picture of David Ashby, the Conservative MP for Leicestershire North West, as a "homosexual liar and hypocrite".

The allegations had followed the break-up of the MP's marriage to his Italian-born wife Silvana after a tempestuous and highly emotional relationship.

Geoffrey Shaw, QC, for Mr Ashby, 55, said that when confronted by a *Sunday Times* journalist his client had said of his sister: "She is a vicious, sick woman motivated by malice who despises me". Mr Shaw added: "It certainly seems she was out to destroy him." It was believed the telephone calls had been made by Mr Ashby's brother-in-law Victor, Mr Shaw said. They sought to establish that Mr Ashby was having a homosexual affair with Dr Ciaran Kilduff and had moved to the same block of flats in London.

Ashby: allegations came after marriage break-up

Noting one of the calls, a *Sunday Times* journalist wrote: " 'Steve' rang again and spoke of two areas, sexual and financial. Many more holidays with the Irish doctor, including Goa. He is being leaned on by high-ups in the Conservative Party to avoid a by-election." Another anonymous telephone call had alleged that Mr Ashby was "a very very accomplished liar".

Mr Ashby had admitted sharing, for one night, a double bed at a château in northern France with Dr Kilduff but only to save money and because there had been a mix-up in obtaining a double room with two beds.

The bill for the room was made out to Dr Kilduff but had been paid by Mr Ashby. The bill, Mr Shaw told the court, had been found after it had been put in a dustbin.

He said that Mr Ashby had denied at a press conference ever having had a homosexual relationship but said he had shared bedrooms with MPs and colleagues on dozens of occasions. The MP had said: "It is much cheaper. It halves the price."

He also denied ever spending a holiday with Dr Kilduff in America although he said they had travelled across the Atlantic on the same aircraft. When the allegations had been put to Mr Ashby's brother, Brian, who lived before his death in America, he had dismissed them as "codswallop".

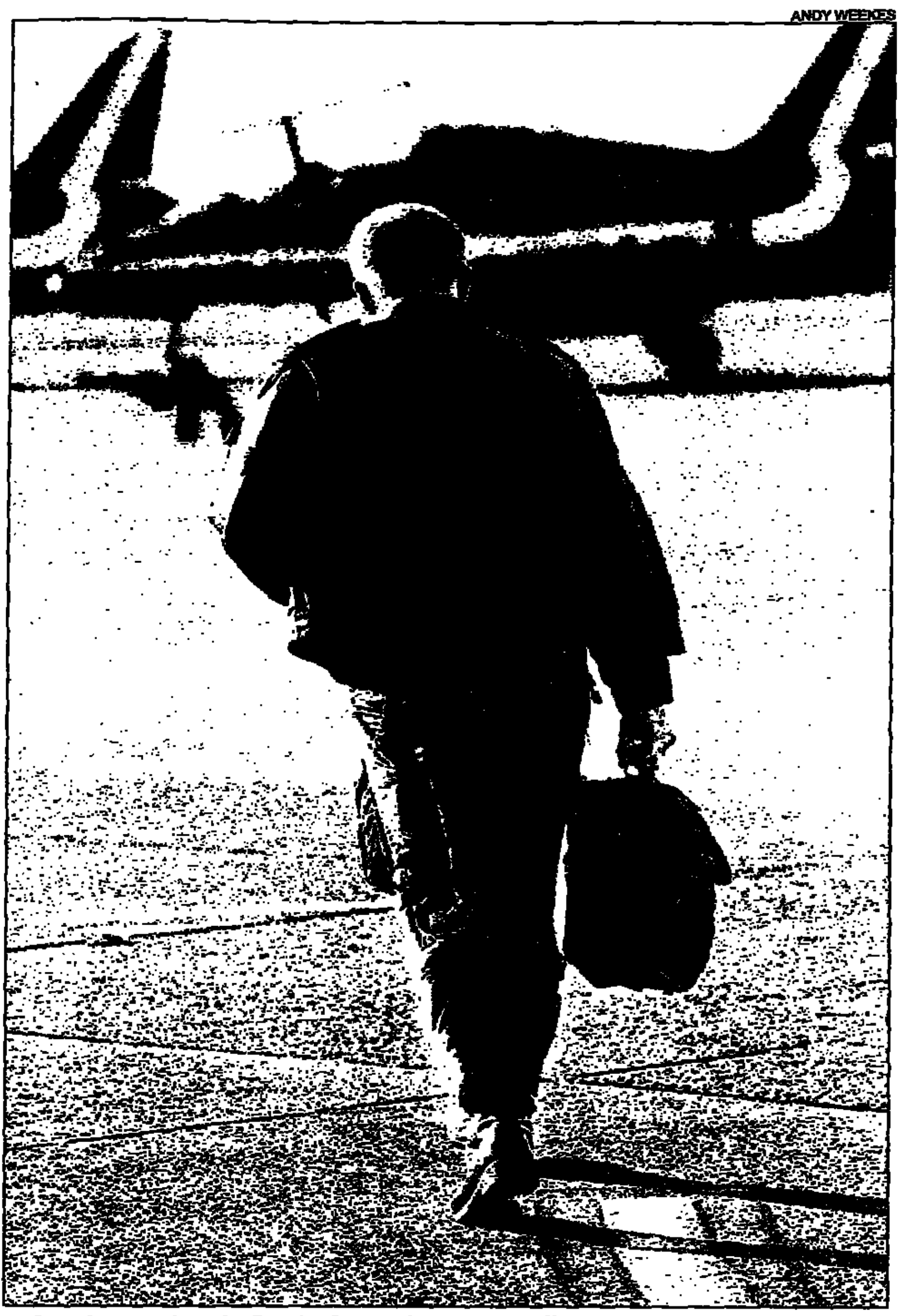
Mr Shaw said it was untrue, as *The Sunday Times* accepted, that Mr Ashby had gone on holiday to Goa where he had shared a bed with a male friend. Dr Kilduff's bank records had shown in November 1993 a transaction equalling the cost of the cheapest flight to India. "It was on that slender evidence that *The Sunday Times* decided to publish a story of Mr Ashby staying in a hotel in Goa with another male."

The jury was told that Mr Ashby had not been interested in sex since the late 1980s as he had to take medication that could lead to impotence.

Times Newspapers Ltd and Andrew Neil, former Editor of *The Sunday Times*, deny libel.

The hearing continues.

ANDY WEEKES



Squadron Leader John Rands of the Red Arrows sets off yesterday for his last flight from RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, which is closing. The team will move to RAF Cranwell

Sailor's sex fantasy led to murder

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who fantasised about having sex at sea was jailed for life yesterday for murdering a woman who agreed to sail with him.

Denzil Walker, a member of the Royal Yachting Association, killed Julie Clayton, 27, by putting drugs in her food. Two weeks later he recruited another woman, who leapt into the River Seine to escape from him.

Nottingham Crown Court was told that Walker, 47, picked up Miss Clayton, an Australian, as she thumbed a lift near St Austell, Cornwall. Her beaten body was found two days later, naked in a ditch 300 miles away at Coleby, Lincolnshire.

Nigel Rumfitt, QC, for the prosecution, said Walker killed Miss Clayton after she refused his sexual advances. She had taken a vow of celibacy at the headquarters of the Jesus Fellowship religious group in Northamptonshire.

He crushed sleeping and antidepressant tablets and probably mixed them into a spicy meal. She died from pneumonia after ingesting the equivalent of up to 50 tablets.

Walker, who is separated from his wife, travelled the country selling boat parts, Mr Rumfitt said. He had "obsessive fantasies" about sex at sea and advertised in yachting magazines for female crew.

Mr Rumfitt said Walker, of Hull, persuaded Miss Clayton to sail with him to Australia but his real motive was sex. A fortnight later he recruited Tamsin Merridew, 28, to sail with him to Malta. She escaped when they reached France.

Walker, who had previous convictions for assault, told the court that Miss Clayton became ill after they had visited a market in Southampton. He decided to drive home to Hull but when he checked her she was dead.

He described her death as an unfortunate accident. "I wanted to take her to a church so she could be buried properly but she was too heavy to lift out of the ditch."

Fraudster, police and bank claim sports car

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A CONVICTED fraudster is fighting Scotland Yard and Barclays Bank over the ownership of a £34,000 sports car seized by police.

The Mercedes cabriolet was bought by Olusegun Adebayo, otherwise known as Julian Jonathan Joseph before he was convicted at Southwark Crown Court, London, in August of dishonestly obtaining £390,000 from the bank. Police and the bank have been arguing about the car ever since.

Now Barclays has issued a writ to clarify ownership, claiming that the police have refused to hand the car over and "continue wrongfully to interfere with it".

Adebayo denies the car was bought with fraud proceeds and says it is legally still his. The Yard said the courts must decide ownership.

Mafioso's daughter smuggled drug cash with baby

By Kate Alderson

A MAFIA leader's daughter who smuggled cash across Europe in her baby's car seat yesterday admitted laundering £1.6 million of illegal drug profits through British banks.

Marisa Merico, 25, daughter of Emilio Di Giovine, who is serving 15 years in a Portuguese jail for cannabis trafficking, changed her plea to guilty on the second day of a hearing at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court.

Anton Lodge, QC, prosecuting on behalf of Customs and Excise, told the court on the first day that Merico, married to a suspected Mafia member awaiting trial on another drug trafficking charge, had become involved in the laundering operation while living with her father in Milan.

In 1991 Di Giovine opened a bank account in Geneva and during the following 15 months she succeeded in laundering more than three billion lire of illegal drugs profits through the account. "One of the ways that was done by Marisa was through her baby child Lana," Mr Lodge said. "She would take the child in one of those car or airline baby seats, but between the seat and the baby's bottom were the lire."

Some of the money was transferred from the Swiss account to banks in England and the Isle of Man, then transferred to Merico's personal accounts.

The court was told that £80,000 of the laundered money was spent by Merico on buying a house for her and her mother, who is divorced from Di Giovine, at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

At the request of the prosecution yesterday, Mr Justice Potter agreed to direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on Patricia Di Giovine, Merico's mother, who had been co-accused with her daughter of assisting another to retain the benefit of drug trafficking.

After Merico changed her plea, the case was adjourned for inquiries to determine how much of Merico's share of the money could be confiscated by Customs and Excise.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tumim sorry for calling JPs 'slimy'

Judge Stephen Tumim, former Chief Inspector of Prisons, has expressed his "regrets" to the Magistrates' Association for referring to "slimy" magistrates in a BBC interview. When questioned about the Home Secretary's plans for tougher sentencing, he said: "What puts off the burglar is not whether he's going to get another six months from some slimy magistrate or judge: he's concerned with whether he's going to get caught."

Fatal fast

An unlicensed taxi-driver who killed a baby in a pushchair when he blacked out while fasting over Ramadan was jailed for eight months by Leeds Crown Court. Mohammed Nazir, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, admitting causing the death of Bianca Clark by dangerous driving.

Player charged

David Hillier, the Arsenal midfielder, was bailed to appear before Crawley magistrates on three charges of theft. Hillier, Wayne Burnett, also a footballer, and Adam Old, a computer consultant, were accused of being concerned together in stealing bags and contents at Gatwick worth £3,000.

Chester stable

The condition of the entertainer Charlie Chester, who is in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital after having had a stroke, remained unchanged. Mr Chester, 82, has been in showbusiness for nearly 70 years, and presents Radio 2's *Sunday Soapbox*. The BBC has received many messages wishing him well.

Divine right

A church whose priest delivered a sermon against the National Lottery has been given £25,000 from lottery funds for repairs. John Delfgou told worshippers at St Andrew's, Greenstead, Essex, that there was more chance of Jesus Christ returning to Earth than winning the lottery.

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Helicopter hovers as mass-murderer leaves Winchester for Durham jail

Public responds to appeal for clues by West police team

By Bill Frost

ROSEMARY WEST was under continuous observation in the hospital wing of Durham jail last night at the start of her life sentence for the murder of ten girls and young women.

As she was driven from Winchester prison to Durham, police said they had "good information" about one of the nine girls and young women who stayed at, or visited, the Wests' home in Gloucester. Known only as Marilyn, she vanished from the Matson area of the city in 1973. Det Supt John Bennett, who led the inquiry into the Cromwell Street murders, said there had been a reasonable response to the public appeal for information about the missing nine.

A helicopter hovered overhead as West, 41, was driven out of Winchester jail for the 340-mile journey to Durham in a prison service van accompanied by a police escort.

They arrived at Durham jail at 3.12pm yesterday, where West will be housed in H wing, a unit holding 43 of Britain's most dangerous women criminals. But West will spend several days in the 36-bed hospital wing where last night she was examined by a doctor. She will be under a 24-hour suicide watch there.

Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer, is also in the wing, recovering from a leg injury.

Police in Gloucester said yesterday they had no plans to search for the bodies of other young women who may have died at the hands of Rosemary and Frederick West. Mr Bennett also ruled out interviewing West in her cell at Durham jail about claims that as many as 15 more victims might be buried at various sites across the county. Asked about reports that the couple may have been part of a sex cult, he said that other people had been interviewed during the inquiry.

"If there is evidence to support arresting anyone, that person will be arrested," he said. "We don't know if we have the final total — I can't say if there are any more victims or not."

The various locations Frederick West had given as burial sites could well be bogus, said Mr Bennett. "During the course of his interviews he told so many stories and gave very different accounts on a day-to-day basis," he added. There would be little point in asking Rosemary West for help. "She never helped us from the first day of the investigation and I cannot see her wanting to help us now."

The detective also replied to a newspaper allegation that 25 Cromwell Street had been a "police brothel" 20 years ago. "We have certainly not found out anything like that in the course of our inquiries," he said icily.

Meanwhile, Tony Butler, Chief Constable of the Gloucestershire force, said yesterday that legal advice was being sought in the case of a prosecution witness who is due to receive £100,000 from the *Daily Mirror* for her story. Janet Leach, 39, had capitalised on her role as lay observer to police interviews with Frederick West after he was arrested last year. "She was under a duty of confidentiality," Mr Butler said.

He also revealed police anxieties over the media's handling of the case. "Officers felt they were playing a Russian roulette. They could never be sure that something published the next day wasn't going to blow the case out of the water."

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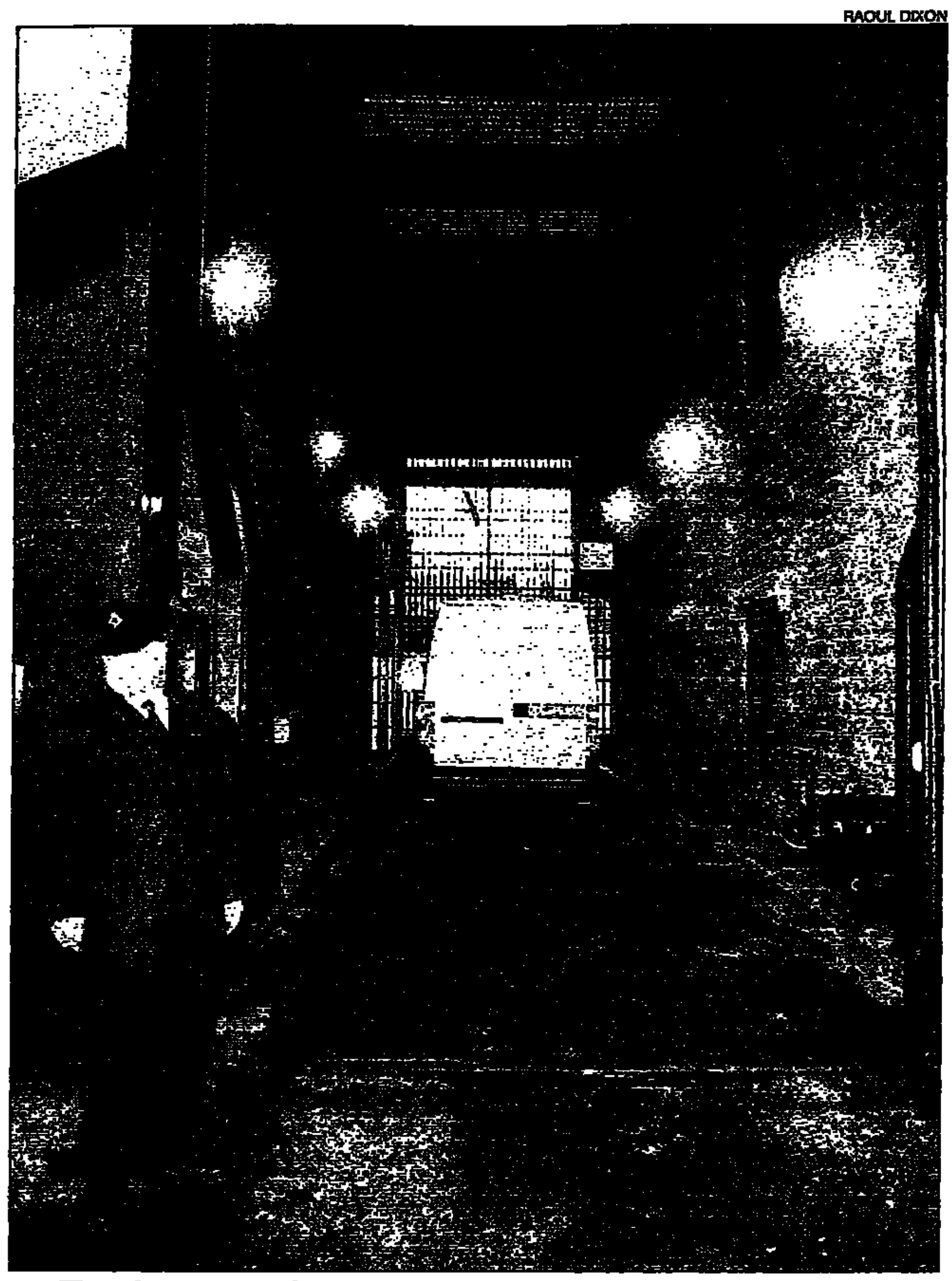
RAOUL DIXON

The prison van carrying Rosemary West arriving at Durham jail yesterday

Six meningitis cases reported in Liverpool

By Kate Alderson and Edward Gorman

A HOSPITAL in Liverpool disclosed yesterday that it had admitted six children suffering from meningitis during the past month. But health officials denied there was an epidemic.

Five of the children have been sent home and only one, a five-year-old girl, remains at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital. The girl, who has not been named, is suffering from the meningococcal septicaemia strain of meningitis and is in a "poorly but stable condition".

The news came as two people from the Lincoln area, Caroline East, 14, and a man in his 40s, remained in a critical condition after developing meningitis, which has killed five people in the city in under two months.

The Liverpool hospital issued a statement yesterday saying: "We do not believe there is any close connection between the [Liverpool] cases. At this time of the year it is more common for the hospital to have meningitis cases due to people tending to be in closer proximity and germs are passed more quickly. We do not believe this is an epidemic."

The hospital released no details about the children or their treatment. Dr Martyn Regan, director of public health for Liverpool Health Authority, moved to reassure the public there were no links between the six cases. "We do not have an epidemic in Liverpool," he said.

"The five children who have been discharged are not school friends or associates of the little girl who is still in hospital. She is from the Liverpool area but the other five children come from outside the area. They are not connected either with the outbreak in Lincolnshire."

In the Lincoln area all play groups, schools and youth clubs are to be given advice on how to identify symptoms of meningitis after local GPs were overwhelmed by calls from people worried about the disease.

Dr Roy Schofield, chair of the Lincoln Local Medical Committee, said: "There is understandably a lot of anxiety, particularly around the southern end of the city. One doctor alone had 25 calls yesterday morning from people worried about suspected symptoms. Some doctors are clearly being overwhelmed with requests for visits. We understand why people are so concerned but they must not panic."

Lincolnshire Health Authority is awaiting the results of swab tests on 300 children at the City School, Lincoln, where two 15-year-olds have died. Test results from throat swabs taken on Tuesday for pupils in years nine and ten at the school will reveal how many of them are carriers of the disease.

Outbreak shows risks of an inexact science

Medical Briefing

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DOCTORS who follow the rules of medical practice laid down by the professions will usually satisfy their patients, and will certainly escape the wrath of the General Medical Council and the courts. As the public health authorities in Lincoln have found, medicine is not an exact science.

Michael Le Geyt, the consultant in communicable diseases at Lincolnshire Health Authority, followed accepted practice as determined by the national public health laboratory when he dealt with what seemed to be a lone case of bacterial meningitis at City School, and had every reason to expect no more cases. However, the measures adopted proved inadequate.

The official recommendation when there is a sporadic case of a teenager at school is that the class of the affected patient, with the teachers and any other close social friends whether from within the school or the pupil's home neighbourhood, should have prophylactic antibiotics. The antibiotic of choice is Rifampicin, which is very much more efficient than penicillin or sulphonamides as there is less bacterial resistance to it.

In comprehensive schools the definition of a class is difficult as children tend to be in different forms for different subjects and perhaps in Lincoln the boundaries of the patient's class were drawn too tightly. Once there had been other cases a different set of rules applied and the incident was then dealt with as a small outbreak. Initially the whole of the affected patient's year and adjacent year were given antibiotics. Now the school has been treated. The parents of all the children have not been prescribed Rifampicin by the public health doctors but it is known that many GPs in the city have, of their own volition, included them.

Recent research has shown diseases spread less rapidly in day schools than in households. It is unusual to find, but a strain of meningococcus is not caught by other pupils unless they are also close friends of the carrier. Conversely, the bacterium often infects a whole household, even though most members of it will not become ill.

Families tend to sit in warm, small rooms, huddled around the same television and possibly also smoking. Smoking is a very effective way of spreading meningococcal meningitis but the bacterium is usually transmitted by droplet infection through coughs, sneezes and nose blowing and very soon colonises the throats and noses of an entire family.

Parents tend to regard school as a reservoir of infection, and their child as the carrier who brings home any neighbourhood illness. There is some truth in this belief: schools are storehouses of infection and if any disease is doing the rounds there is every likelihood there will be one or two cases in the school, even though most pupils may remain unaffected.

The school therefore acts as the bridge between households over which the bacterium, or viruses, cross. Once an organism has been brought home there is every likelihood that everybody, from grandparent to baby, will catch it.

The meningococcus is an unpredictable bacterium. At any one time, 10 to 15 per cent of teenagers, and 5 per cent of adults, has the organism in their throats. Just why the bacterium occasionally causes serious infection whereas it is usually quite harmless is not understood but is presumably related to the virulence of the strain and resistance of the host.

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Supporters fear repeat of 1986 'no' vote after opponents gain ground

Divorce vote splits Irish from Donegal to Dublin

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

VOTERS in the Irish Republic go to the polls today to decide whether to lift the constitutional ban on divorce. According to the opinion polls, supporters and opponents of reform are evenly matched.

After weeks of intense campaigning that has highlighted the divisions between traditionalists and modernisers, support for a "yes" vote has fallen to 45 per cent from 61 per cent in September. Support for a "no" vote has climbed steadily to 42 per cent from 30 per cent in September.

Those in favour of reform, who include every political party in the Irish Parliament, fear a repeat of the last referendum in 1986 when opponents fought back to win with 63.1 per cent of the vote.

John Bruton, the Prime Minister, issued a final appeal for a "yes" vote when he said that the referendum offered people the chance to vote for a "more pluralist and tolerant country". He added: "A 'yes' vote is a vote for understanding. It is a vote for generosity towards those who are not as fortunate as those who are happily married."

Clare: unlike his wife he will be voting "yes"

Ireland's coalition Government has tried to allay the fears of traditionalists by drawing up the proposed changes to the Republic's 1937 constitution with great care. To obtain a divorce, couples must have lived apart for at least four years and satisfy the courts that there is no prospect of a reconciliation. Successive governments since 1986 have passed a series of Bills to deal with the division of property and custody of children — the two issues that led to the defeat of the last referendum.

However, the "yes" campaigners have seen their support ebb away in the face of formidable opposition. Opponents of divorce, including the Roman Catholic Church, say that changing the constitution would lead to the breakdown of the Irish family.

They forecast a massive increase in separations, leading to untold harm to children. One of their campaign slogans, "Hello Divorce, Goodbye Daddy", has struck a chord with many voters who fear that a "yes" vote will undermine the position of children from a first marriage.

The divisions within Ireland, which have led to clashes between government ministers and the Catholic Church, is neatly summed up in the household of Anthony Clare, Professor of Psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin and resident psychiatrist at BBC Radio 4.

Professor Clare will be voting "yes" while his wife, with whom he has had seven children, will be voting "no". Professor Clare said that the proposed changes provided a "highly circumscribed form of divorce" for couples whose marriages had died. He told the Dublin *Sunday Independent:* "I believe the amendment, in insisting on a time delay, strikes a balance which ensures that proper account is taken on the one hand of the rights of individuals to have a second chance and on the other of children to be properly protected."

Jane Clare, a writer, said: "What concerns me about the current debate on divorce is that the rights of the child within marriage are seen as secondary to the rights of the individual."

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KEVIN CLANCY

Policeman Peadair Howley returns to the mainland carrying early votes from Inishbiggle, Co Mayo

Pensioner wins payout after heart operations

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

A PENSIONER won undisclosed damages from two health authorities yesterday after enduring a series of operations caused by a faulty diagnosis.

Roy Broster, 70, had operations over five months at Guy's Hospital, central London, associated with the fitting of a device designed to jolt his heart into action whenever it detected an irregular beat.

However, his heartbeat never triggered the defibrillator, which was removed in a further operation six months later. A specialist found that he had been misdiagnosed and actually had a problem with his thyroid gland. An overactive thyroid can cause palpitations.

West Kent Health Authority said Mr Broster had suffered a heart condition and a thyroid problem. Medical experts had advised fitting the defibrillator as a safety measure; it was removed because of infection, not because it was unnecessary. He said most of the surgical procedures were related to the infection and subsequent complications.

Mr Broster had his operations four years ago. The West Kent and South East London health authorities agreed the undisclosed damages but denied liability days before the case was due to come to court. Mr Broster, of Sittingbourne, said: "I have been waiting years for this to go to court. I think they were waiting for me to die. My wife made me carry on, and I am grateful to her for giving me strength."

Doctors at Maidstone Hospital sent him to Guy's to have the device fitted but the wound became infected. "I was dangerously ill with this device inside my chest. All I had was thyroid trouble," Mr Broster said. "I am feeling a lot better now that this machine is gone."

His wife Joan said: "Going through 12 operations would be a tremendous strain on a young man, let alone someone Roy's age. It was a terrible thing they did to him.

"At least something good is coming out of all this — I am having a new kitchen fitted."

Mr Broster added: "I hope no one else has to go through what I have had to endure at the hands of those doctors."

In a statement, the health authorities said they "did not consider the treatment given had fallen below a reasonable standard of care".

☐ Barnet Healthcare NHS Trust, which administers Colindale Hospital, north London, has been censured by the ombudsman, William Reid, for not apologising to the family of an elderly patient with Parkinson's disease who was left unsupervised and died after a fall three years ago.

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By Robin Young

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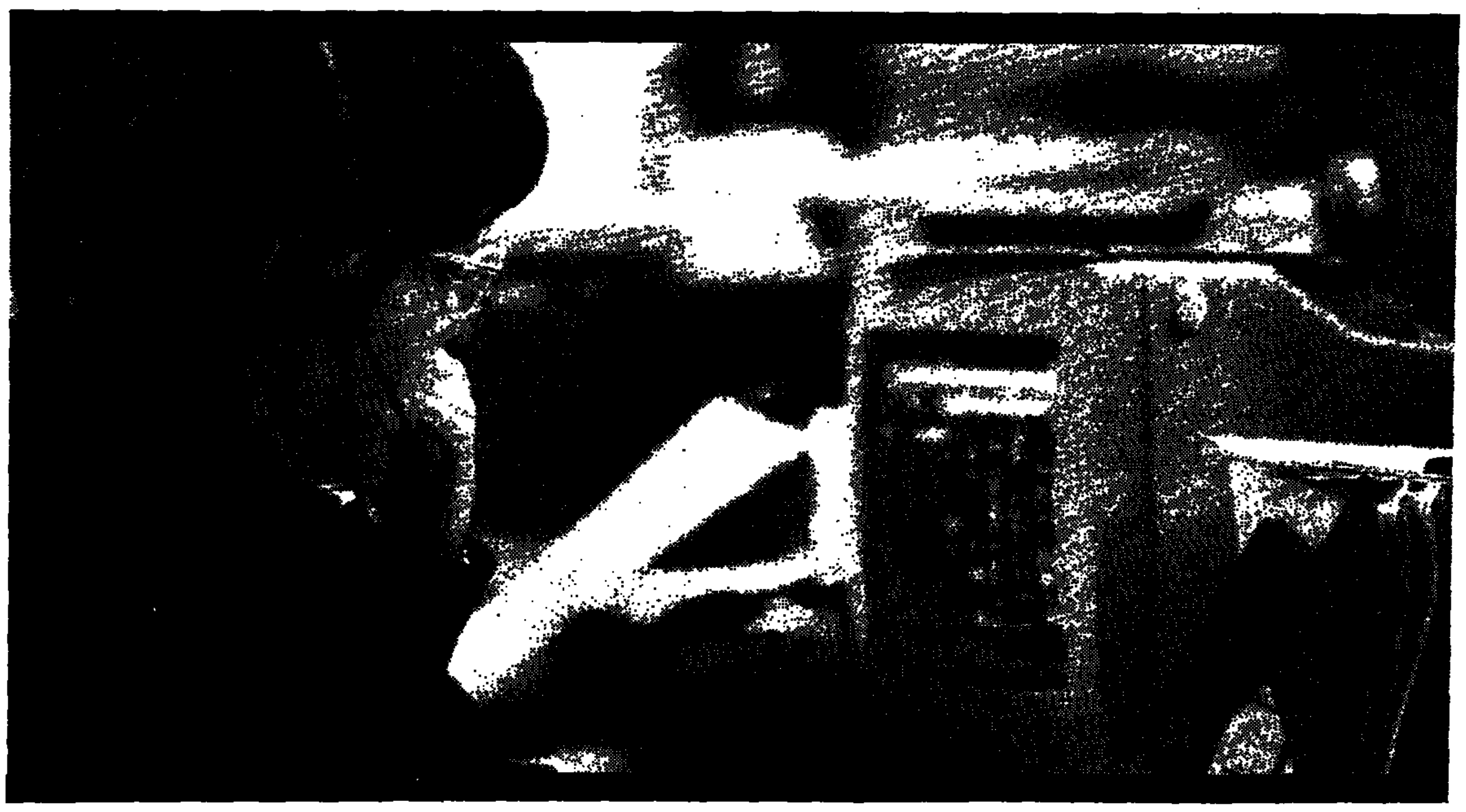

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Blow to privatisation proposal

£142m of student loans 'unlikely to be recovered'

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

ONE in eight students with a government loan is unlikely ever to repay the debt, a report published today says. The figure is likely to be a further blow to government plans to privatise the loan scheme, announced in the Queen's Speech last week.

The Student Loans Company has told the National Audit Office that £142 million of outstanding debt is unlikely to be recovered. The loans company admitted recently that outstanding loans totalled more than £1 billion.

The report also highlights questions about the loans company's competence, and records the collapse of its telephone system. Out of 1.1 million attempted calls by students in November 1994 only 41,000 were answered.

Sir Eric Ash, head of the Student Loans Company, has already told ministers that the banks are unlikely to want to take over the scheme. The audit office report is likely to reinforce their reluctance.

The audit office, the public spending watchdog, found that almost half of all students who had received loans had been granted a deferment on repayments because their income fell beneath the statutory threshold. Students are not required to repay a loan until a year after completing their course and then only if their income reaches 85 per cent of national average earnings.

The audit office found that of 269,000 students who should be repaying loans, 122,000 had been granted deferment. The loans' company told the audit office that it recognised "it may be difficult to maintain contact with the large number of repayers in deferment".

The company admitted that £142 million, about 12 per cent of the outstanding loan portfolio of £1.178 billion, might not be recovered due to long-term deferment, death and default.

The audit office report says that the loans company's financial statements do not include any record of non-recoverable sums "because they are liable to remit to the Education Department only those monies they actually succeed in recovering". As a result of the audit office's objections, the annual accounts will in future include provision for irrecoverable loan debt.

The report found that the loans company had improved its efficiency in the light of previous criticism and processed 517,000 applications for loans in the last academic year. However, 35,000 students experienced significant delay in getting grants.

The Commons Public Accounts Committee will question officials on the report next month, when the proposed privatisation is expected to come under attack as unrealistic.

Bryan Davies, Labour's education spokesman, said: "The report shows there is considerable uncertainty in detailed business planning for student loans. The Government has not answered why banks and building societies should want to handle such unpredictable loans, yet it is rushing privatisation through Parliament." The Student Loans Bill will be debated in Parliament on Monday.

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Teacher gagged children

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A TEACHER who gagged three primary school children with tape to keep them quiet has been sacked.

The supply teacher was on her second day at the 370-pupil Lonesome First School in Mitcham, south London, when she gagged the pupils as they were clearing up at the end of the school day.

A Merton Council spokesman said: "She warned the children in a lighthearted way that she would 'put tape over their mouths' if they were not quiet. She then put tape over the mouths of two girls, aged seven and eight, and a boy, age eight. She removed it [from all three] on seeing the boy's surprised reaction."

Dany Thomas, the head teacher, removed the 23-year-old teacher from the school as soon as she found out about the incident on November 15. The spokesman added: "The children told their parents about it when they went home and the head teacher found out the next day."

The agency that supplied the teacher, HMS Education Personnel, has suspended her from its books. A spokesman said: "We were equally shocked and appalled by the incident. There was a clear breach of our written regulations which clearly specify that under no circumstances are supply teachers permitted to have any physical contact with pupils. The teacher will no longer be employed by HMS."

Sheila Knight, chairman of Merton's education committee, said: "The supply teacher committed an unforgivable mistake ... I apologise to the parents involved and assure all Merton parents that the council takes such incidents extremely seriously."

Merton council has asked the agency to check its vetting procedures.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Pamela Matthews, Peniakoff's widow, and two survivors of his unit, Geoffrey Bays, left, and John Campbell

Popski's Private Army regroups to recall sabotage in the desert

By John Young

A DOZEN survivors of one of the most remarkable special forces units in the Second World War were reunited yesterday at the Imperial War Museum in London. Officially known as the No 1 Long-Range Demolition Squadron, the unit was immortalised as "Popski's Private Army" after a wartime cartoon character.

The squadron was created in October 1942 by Vladimir "Popski" Peniakoff, a Belgian of Russian parentage, who got to know the North African desert in Egypt before the war. Beginning with only 23 men, two trucks and four Jeeps, long-range raids were made behind the German lines in Tunisia.

Never numbering more than a hundred men, the unit attacked communications centres, supply stores and ammunition dumps. After the end of the North African campaign it transferred to Italy. By the end of the war it had penetrated the German heartland, meeting Red Army forces in Austria.

Peniakoff died in 1951 and the last reunion was in 1985.

"Popski" Peniakoff with Jeep and gunner. His unit's task was to knock out enemy strongpoints

The idea for yesterday's meeting came from Mark Seaman, of the museum, when he came across the papers of Major Jean Caneri, Peniakoff's second-in-command.

Among those present was Sergeant Bill O'Leary, 77, a former paratrooper who served in North Africa and Sicily and finally joined Popski's Private Army in Italy. His unit's main task was to take out strong points such as farmhouses. "We used to go behind the lines at night to gather information," he recalled. "The main danger was minefields but all the land around Sienna and Ravenna was under water because the retreating Germans had blown the dikes."

Peniakoff had always opposed the assault on Monte Cassino, which cost the Allies heavily in time and casualties, Mr O'Leary said. Peniakoff had argued that there should be another landing further north.

Major John Campbell, 74, who won the MC and Bar, said yesterday that he had been medically downgraded after being wounded with the Eighth Army in North Africa. Impatient to get back to the front but fed up with the infantry, he was finally grudgingly accepted by Peniakoff after being detailed to take part in a 64-mile route march across the mountains and finishing first.

Ben Owen, 78, also joined Peniakoff in Italy, as a patrol NCO working with explosives. After the war he became an assistant to Michael Burn, who had been imprisoned in Colditz and was then Vienna correspondent of *The Times*.

Pamela Matthews, Peniakoff's widow, said yesterday that she had met him in Vienna while working for the Allied Commission on Displaced Persons. "None of us had heard very much about him. But we all became terrific friends.

"He was very solid both physically and morally: you only had to look at him to see that. He never made snap decisions, and everything was very thorough. One just felt absolute confidence in him."

'Excellent progress' by Queen Mother

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is continuing to make "excellent progress" after her hip replacement operation a week ago, Buckingham Palace said. No further bulletin on her condition is planned. When she entered the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London, she was expected to stay for a fortnight.

After a visit on Wednesday with the Queen and Duke of Edinurgh, the Princess Royal joked: "She is looking forward to a hard winter, so she can go skating in Sandringham."

Sent for trial

Two men accused of murdering Daniel Handley, 9, of Beckton, east London, were committed to stand trial at the Old Bailey. Brett Tyler, 30, and Timothy Morss, 32, were remanded in custody by Stratford magistrates, London.

Lawyer barred

A solicitor alleged to be responsible for clients' losses of £3.3 million was struck off by the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London. Noel Horner, 52, of Truro, Cornwall, had admitted failing to produce books for inspection.

Parole murder

A convicted killer who stabbed to death a man while on parole was jailed for life at the Old Bailey. Ian Baker, 36, of New Cross, southeast London, was found guilty of murdering Michael Davis, 27, in an unprovoked attack in a pub.

£30,000 libel win

Joe Homan, 65, ex-head of the Peterborough-based International Boys Town Trust, which has children's homes in India, won £30,000 libel damages from Associated Newspapers over claims he had sexually abused boys in his care.

Lottery garden

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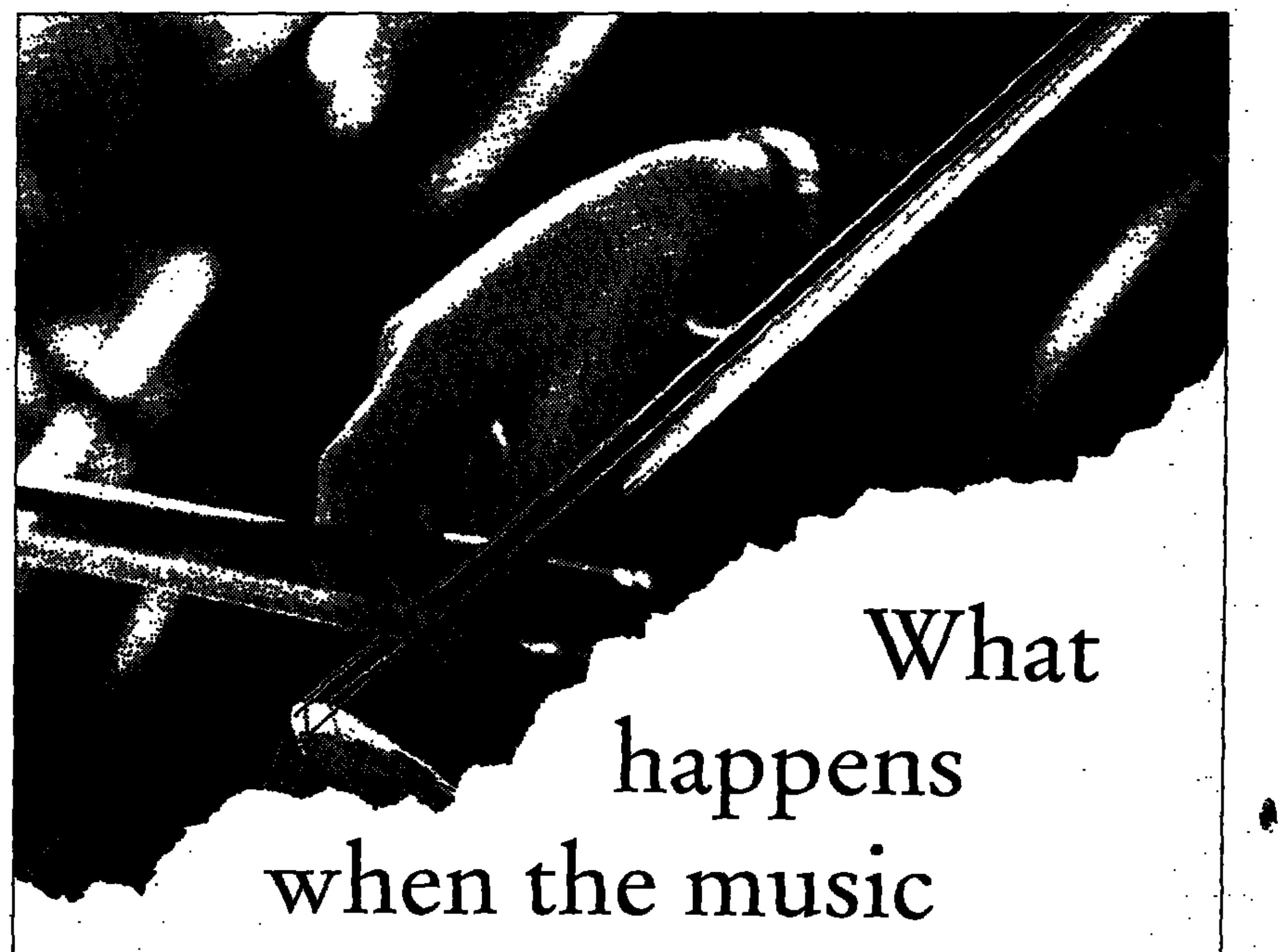

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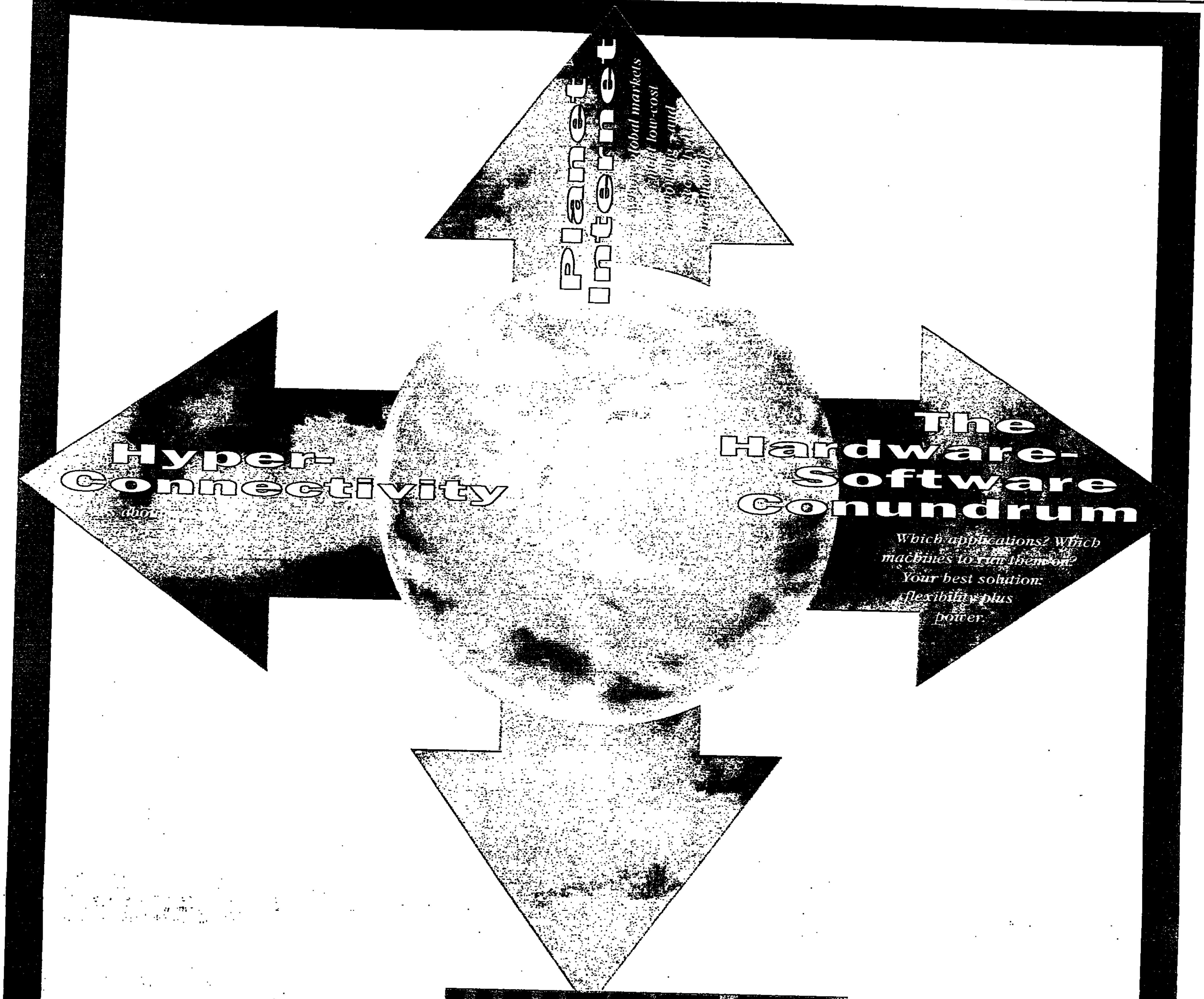
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Brown forced to tread carefully after policy row

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN is to consult more widely on policy decisions after a damaging row over his failure to tell Shadow Cabinet colleagues about plans to dock benefits from workshy young people.

Some shadow ministers were incensed by his decision to use a newspaper interview last week to disclose the proposed scheme, which would penalise those who turned down the chance of a job or training. It is understood that only David Blunkett, responsible for education and employment, and possibly Chris Smith, social security, were informed at the time.

The Shadow Chancellor has since clarified the scheme in an attempt to reassure his colleagues that it is not as draconian as they believed. His method of announcing it fuelled a row that had been simmering over several months about his wide-ranging brief and tendency to make policy on the hoof.

Some of his colleagues, including Robin Cook, criticised Mr Brown to his face at a Shadow Cabinet meeting last week and details of the confrontation were leaked to a Sunday newspaper. The leak prompted Tony Blair to read the riot act to the Shadow Cabinet on Wednesday and give his "101 per cent" backing to Mr Brown. Mr Blair was said to be furious about the attempt to undermine his closest ally by disclosing private discussions to the press.

Several shadow ministers are concerned about Mr Brown's wider role as chairman of a strategy committee that meets daily to decide how the party should react to political events and stories in the media. Yesterday leadership sources made clear that policy spokesmen and others would be consulted on important decisions at an earlier stage.

"Gordon is in charge of a committee which meets daily to discuss news management and that sometimes means decisions are taken to promote one idea or another to respond to events as they happen," one source said. "That is a special responsibility and that sometimes means ranging into other people's territory.

"Some of them feel on the detail of the Budget strategy that they were not consulted properly. To that extent there will hopefully be much closer co-operation right across the board when things are being planned."

Mr Brown used Wednesday's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to reassure MPs about his plans to withdraw 40 per cent of benefit from workshy young people. He emphasised that those who had been unemployed for six months would have four weeks to look for a job or a place on a voluntary scheme, Labour's environmental task force or a training scheme before they lost benefit. They would be able to refuse any of the four within the four-week period, but not all four. If they did they would then lose benefit.

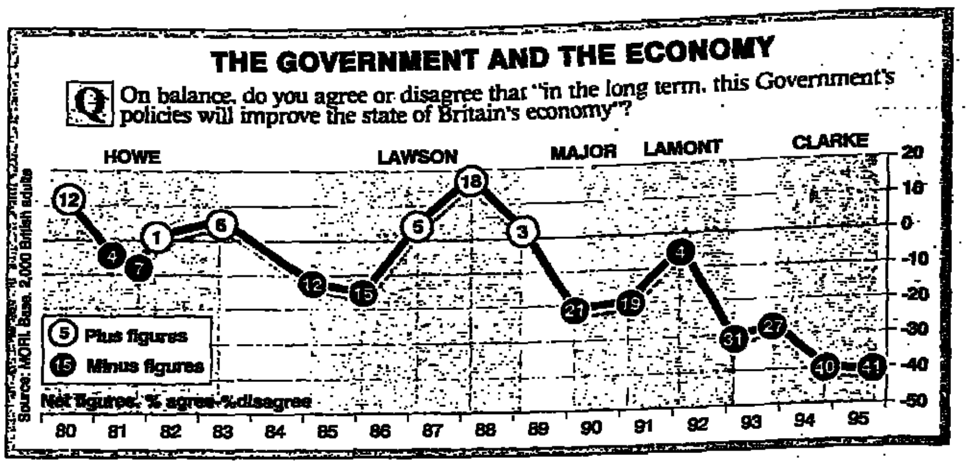
Last night Mr Brown's allies dismissed any rumblings from Shadow Cabinet members as a result of long standing jealousies. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, has been at Westminster nine years longer than Mr Brown and is known to have resented his rapid rise to the top of the party. He is also said to be disgruntled that he did not receive enough support from party colleagues to be considered a possible contender for the Labour leadership.

John Prescott, the party's deputy leader, is thought to resent the way in which Mr Brown behaves as Mr Blair's second-in-command.

Public confidence in Tory economic policy falls to new low

Clarke's strategy fails to impress

BY PETER RIDDELL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Kenneth Clarke, who must convince a more sceptical public than faced by any other Chancellor in 15 years

FEWER people believe that government policies will in the long term improve the state of the economy than at any time since the Tories came to office in 1979, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll underlines continued scepticism about the Government's economic strategy as well as about the strength of the recovery. It also underlines how much Kenneth Clarke has to do in the Budget on Tuesday.

The net balance of those agreeing that this Government's policies will improve the state of the economy, less those disagreeing, is now minus 41 points, one point higher than in mid-December 1994 after the last Budget.

The net balance was just minus 4 points in March 1992 after Norman Lamont's pre-election Budget and as the campaign started. A year earlier it had been minus 19 points. In March 1987, after the pre-election Budget of Nigel Lawson, the level was plus five points.

Satisfaction with the way Mr Clarke is doing his job has improved since the immediate aftermath of his Budget a year ago, but is still lower than for any other Chancellor apart from Mr Lamont in March 1993, after his last, tax-raising Budget. Although Mr Clarke often projects himself as the voice of Middle England, satisfaction with his performance is below average in the Midlands and northern England.

Net satisfaction with Mr Clarke's performance, satisfied less dissatisfied, now stands at minus 28 points, compared with minus 53 points after last year's Budget. This is much lower than at any time when Lords Howe and Lawson were at the Treasury.

The MORI economic optimism index, measuring those who think that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, remains negative, with no signs of any pick-up in confidence. It is now minus 18 points, compared with minus 16 points at the end of October, in the middle of the range for most of this year.

Women are more pessimistic than men- minus 25 points against minus 10 points. Pessimism is also greatest among young people and unskilled workers, and among those who have switched away from the Tories since the 1992 general election.

The poll also reveals a continued high level of concern about education, mentioned by 31 per cent of those interviewed as being among the most important issues facing Britain today. Unemployment continues to be top of the list, mentioned by over half.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,877 adults at 147 ward sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on November 17 to 20. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or who refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*

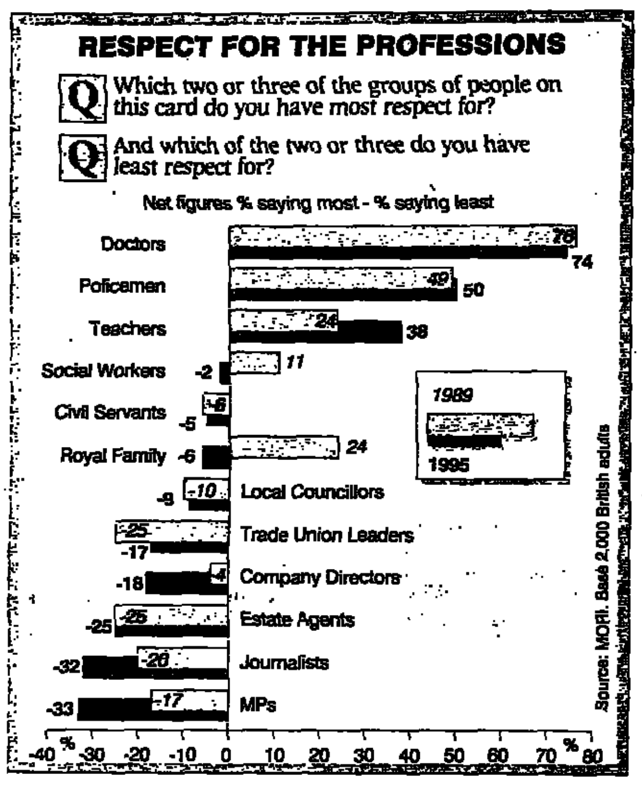
Major strengthens loyalist support

JOHN MAJOR and the Government have succeeded recently in strengthening their support among Tory loyalists, even though their ratings remain low among the public as a whole and Labour retains a 30-point lead (Peter Riddell writes).

The MORI poll, undertaken last weekend, shows that, while Mr Major's personal rating has fallen back to its level before he was re-elected Tory leader in July, satisfaction with his performance among Tory supporters has doubled since the spring. The net balance, measuring those satisfied less dissatisfied, now stands at plus 27 points compared with plus 14 points in May. By contrast, his net approval rating with the public has improved by only eight points to minus 41 points over the past six months.

Satisfaction with the way the Government is running the country is now higher among Tory supporters than in the spring. Its net rating has improved by 22 points to minus nine points. The shift in overall public satisfaction with the Government has narrowed by only 10 points to minus 62 points. This contrast between the attitudes of the public and of Tory loyalists may reflect the leadership's campaign to sharpen divisions between the parties on issues such as taxes, Europe and immigration.

Paddy Ashdown's approval ratings remain strongly favourable.



MPs must start to show their worth

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

MPs are now less respected than either journalists or estate agents, according to the latest MORI poll. It shows that respect for politicians has fallen further even than for journalists since 1989. This is hardly surprising in view of all the furore of the past year over the Nolan inquiry, but both the causes and implications are much broader then allegations merely about sleaze and scandal. The new edition of the annual British Social Attitudes survey, based on more than 3,500 interviews, highlights the extent of the decline in trust and confidence in political institutions, but suggests that this has not necessarily damaged the workings of democracy.

Among the key findings are a further rise during the 1990s in the already high percentages of those who believe that the system of governing Britain could be improved quite a lot or a great deal and of those who believe that governments put the needs of the nation above the needs of party only some of the time or almost never. While the level of political trust is higher among Tory than Labour supporters, the recent decline has been as great among the former as the latter.

The public is increasingly sceptical about what MPs do on their behalf. A growing number believe MPs are interested only in votes, not their opinions. The proportion claiming they have no say in what the government does has doubled to 28 per cent since the mid-1970s.

These trends have not, however, produced the expected threats to the health of British democracy. The survey suggests that "Britain's changing political culture has not (yet, at any rate) brought about any consistent increase in apathy, alienation or intolerance." People with a low level of trust in the political system are not reluctant to take action such as signing a petition or going on a protest: indeed, they are more likely to do so than those who trust the system. They are no less likely than the average to vote or be interested in politics, though they are less likely to contact their MP.

The decline in political trust has reinforced support for constitutional reform. The authors conclude that "far from undermining the health of British democracy, a less trusting and more vigilant public might already be helping to bring about an improvement in Britain's democratic condition".

It would be mistake for the opposition parties to be complacent, and to assume that they are in tune with the public's sceptical mood merely because they favour constitutional reform. My own conclusion is that MPs need to show not only that they are above board in their personal dealings (as most are), but also that they are more effective in monitoring the executive and legislation. Moreover, as Douglas Hurd said a week ago, "political success may well go to those who sound least like politicians". Politicians appear not only to be out of touch but also to be putting their party interests first.

☐ *British Social Attitudes: the 12th report, published by Dartmouth Publishing Company on behalf of Social and Community Planning Research, price £25.00.*

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Mubarak jails 54 in clampdown on Muslim moderates

From Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent

EGYPT, intensifying its fight against an Islamic takeover, yesterday jailed 54 members of the previously tolerated Muslim Brotherhood and shut its Cairo headquarters.

The move against the mainly middle-class organisation came less than a week before elections to the 488-member National Assembly. It was criticised by Islamic supporters as a blatant attempt to prevent it demonstrating popular support. Amnesty International condemned the authorities for holding the trials before a military court.

The clampdown was the toughest imposed on the Brotherhood, which claims tens of thousands of supporters among Egypt's professional classes, since 1966 when President Nasser accused it of plotting a coup. On that occasion three members were executed and 200 imprisoned.

Nabil Osman, chief of the State Information Office, defended the measures, pointing out that the Brotherhood was illegal and alleging that it had the same intentions as groups such as Islamic Jihad (Holy War) and al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (The Islamic Group), which both claimed responsibility for the bomb attack against the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad.

Moderates in Algeria's illegal Islamic opposition yesterday rejected calls by hardliners for last week's presidential poll to be ignored and for President Zeroual to be overthrown (Mark Huband writes). The exiled leader of the Islamic Salvation Front in Europe, Rabah Kebir, issued a letter recognising the poll's legitimacy and the failure of a boycott call.

Until January, President Mubarak had unofficially tolerated the Brotherhood and even allowed its members to stand for parliament under the wing of other opposition parties. In theory, the group had renounced violence in its support for an Islamic state.

According to Western security sources, the change of heart came when Mr Mubarak received intelligence that members of the Brotherhood were co-operating secretly with the militants responsible for the lethal campaign against foreign tourists.

As a result of yesterday's sentences, the bulk of which involved prison with hard labour, the three-year Islamic terrorist campaign which has cost more than 850 lives is expected to intensify.

The military court, meeting in a heavily guarded army camp outside Cairo, sentenced five of the 81 to five years' hard labour, 40 to three years' hard labour and nine to three years of normal imprisonment. It acquitted 27. Those convicted included doctors, academics and community leaders accused of offences such as organising an illegal group, holding illegal secret meetings and preparing anti-government leaflets. When the sentences were delivered, they responded with an orderly chant of Islamic slogans.

Mohamed Khairat, a computer specialist sentenced to five years' hard labour, claimed that prison would not change the men. "Islam is the only solution, the only hope against the corruption and injustice of Mubarak."

Western diplomats were mixed in their reaction, although one said: "A step like this only brings Egypt closer to the nightmare that is Algeria."

☐ **Islamabad:** Ten people have been arrested in Pakistan over the bombing of the Egyptian Embassy that killed 16 people last Sunday. *(Reuter)*

President Mandela yesterday with Percy Yutar, who led the prosecution 31 years ago that sent him to jail for 27 years for plotting sabotage against white minority rule in South Africa.

Mandela meets prosecutor for first time in 31 years

The Pretoria meeting underlined the President's commitment to reconciliation (Inigo Gilmore writes).

The last time Mr Mandela met the anti-apartheid hate figure was in a Pretoria courtroom where Mr Yutar argued the State's case in the 1964 Rivonia trial against Mr Mandela. Towering above the wizened lawyer, the President placed his arm around the slender shoulders of his one-time adversary and offered his atonement, saying what happened was now in the past. Mr Yutar, 84, describing the President as a "saintly man", denied claims that he had pressed for Mr Mandela to receive the death sentence and, for the first time, revealed that in July 1983 he pleaded with the Cabinet for the release of the Rivonia defendants. He said that, while each minister was in favour, they telephoned him one day to say his wish could not be granted. In a separate development, a bank which had threatened to seize Winnie Mandela's Soweto mansion last night dropped its court action over default on mortgage repayments.

Her lawyer said the dispute had been resolved during talks with the bank but no mention was made of a third-party settlement. Reports at the weekend said Mr Mandela was preparing to settle the account for his estranged wife.

Sri Lankan troops trap guerrillas in Jaffna

From Reuter in Colombo

THE Sri Lankan army cut off the rebel bastion of Jaffna yesterday, leaving no way for 2,000 Tamil Tiger guerrillas to escape from the town and boosting morale after the government forces had lost another plane. A military spokesman said the rebels "have to jump into the sea, bite cyanide or surrender".

In an appeal for calm, President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, fearing violence against minority Tamils, said her troops were fighting "ruthless terrorists" and not the island's minorities. "I request all citizens to celebrate victory calmly and peacefully," she said on state radio. "The war is not against Tamil civilians . . . do not in any way harass the Tamil community by word or deed."

Earlier, defence officials said the army advance on Jaffna, in the island's far north, had been slowed but not stopped by the crash on Wednesday of a Russian-built AN32 transport plane, carrying troops, in which all 63 on board were killed. The air force has lost six planes in seven months, two of them in the past week.

The Tigers, who have claimed responsibility for bringing down military planes in the past, have not issued any statement about the latest crash.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerian junta hits at critics

Abuja: Nigeria's military ruler expressed outrage at the two-year deadline set by the Commonwealth for returning the country to civilian rule. General Sani Abacha said: "It is an insult for our nation to be told to review our transition programme."

His two-year-old Government is the target of international isolation after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni activists. A 33-member task force of traditional rulers is advising the regime on responses to critics, but its credibility was dented with the appointment of Lieutenant-General Jeremiah Useni, a ruling council member, as leader. *(AP)*

Canada gun law

Toronto: Canada has passed a gun control law requiring registration of all the country's seven million firearms. Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, said many Americans would be envious. *(AP)*

Anti-polio drive

Delhi: India is to attempt to immunise 75 million children under three against polio. Half a million immunisation centres will be open on December 9 and January 20 for parents to bring children. *(AP)*

Tanzania leader

Dar es Salaam: Benjamin William Mkapa, 57, was sworn in as Tanzania's third President since independence in 1961. Mr Mkapa won 61.8 per cent of the vote in recent elections. *(Reuter)*

Bow and scrap

Nairobi: Two Kenyan MPs punched each other in parliament, bowed to the chair, and left to continue exchanging blows in a corridor. It was the first fight in the chamber in nearly ten years. *(Reuter)*

Arrest of dissident defended by China

From James Pringle in Peking

CHINA yesterday rejected attacks by international human rights organisations on the formal arrest and likely trial of Wei Jingsheng, a leading dissident, and denied that a fair trial was not possible because the Government had already branded him a criminal.

Shen Guofang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said: "I don't think the arrest and trial conducted by the Chinese judiciary has violated any international standards." On the contrary, it was people and organisations who tried to interfere in China's judicial procedures who violated international standards, he added.

The new move against Mr Wei came a day after President Jiang Zemin returned from the summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation forum in Osaka, where he had held successful talks with US Vice-President Al Gore. It seemed to indicate, in the eyes of foreign envoys in Peking, China's continuing propensity to shoot itself in the foot.

"President Jiang is accepted as a statesman in the diplomatic councils of the world, then his all-powerful Government moves against a single man after locking him away for 18 months in clear violation of his human rights," said one envoy. "It makes you wonder what they are afraid of."

His words echoed those of an exiled relative of Mr Wei, who had said the day before: "Such a big country, such a big party, and yet they cannot tolerate one or two words of criticism. They are too fragile." Human Rights in China, a group of exiled dissidents in New York, described the charge against Mr Wei, 44, accused of attempting to overthrow the Government, as absurd, transparently political and a "flagrant violation of international human rights standards".

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Ex-minister to face judge over Spain's anti-terrorist war

From Edward Owen in Madrid

THE Spanish Congress voted in secret yesterday to lift the parliamentary immunity of José Barrionuevo, a former Interior Minister, so that he can be questioned by a judge in the Supreme Court. The vote in the 350-seat House, where the minority Socialist Government has 159 deputies, was 204 in favour and 122 against, with ten abstentions.

Judge Eduardo Moner is examining the extent of Madrid's involvement in the formation of death squads that killed 27 terrorist suspects in southwestern France a decade ago. Señor Barrionuevo was Interior Minister from 1982 to 1988 when the anti-terrorist liberation groups (Gal) were active.

Former senior officials in the Interior Ministry, all on bail, have confessed to a judge that they were involved in using secret funds to finance and organise Gal. During his investigation, Judge Baltasar Garzón obtained evidence that directly implicated the Government, in power since 1982, in forming Gal.

Barrionuevo: denies the death squad allegations

Felipe González, the Prime Minister, Señor Barrionuevo, Narcis Serra, a former Defence Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, and José Maria Benegas, a Socialist Party official, were all named. Only the Supreme Court can ask for parliamentary immunity to be lifted so that deputies can be questioned, with the case allocated to Judge Moner.

"The 122 votes against the lifting of immunity were a clear indication of the collective political responsibility of PSOE [the Socialist Party] and the Government in the war against Eta," said Francisco Alvárez-Cascos, the Secretary-General of the Popular Party, the Centre-Right opposition that is widely expected to win the next general election called for next March. Señor González said after the secret session: "It was a vote of conscience and can be explained as such." He will announce next month if he is to stand in the election.

Señor Barrionuevo has denied any involvement with Gal and initially said that he would speak to the Supreme Court judge in order to clear his name. However, with the prospect of prison sentences for those found guilty of allowing the illegal operation, he has recently changed his tune. The key questions now are whether he approved Gal and if he will implicate others, including the Prime Minister.

This week Colonel Juan Albert Perote, a former secret service agent, in custody on charges of stealing secret documents, told Judge Moner that Cesid, the Spanish intelligence service, helped Gal.

The Senate has also formed a parliamentary committee to investigate the Gal scandal, which is just one of many cases of alleged corruption that besiege the Government. Most Spanish public opinion did not oppose a "dirty war" against Basque separatists. However, a majority of Spaniards object to the way the officials organising the campaign enriched themselves from the funds intended for their operations.

GIÙ LE MANI DALLA
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Italian pupils, with a banner reading "Hands off state schools", demonstrate in front of the Colosseum yesterday. The Rome protest was staged against an increase in funds given to the private educational system, which was announced in the Government's 1996 budget

France steels itself for strikers' day of chaos

From Ben Macintyre
in Paris

FRANCE'S 24-hour general strike today will not make headlines for the simple reason that print unions have voted to strike, along with transport workers, hospital staff, students, miners, local government and bank employees, and many others.

Today's stoppage, called by the seven powerful civil service unions in opposition to far-reaching welfare reforms, will be even more widely observed than the strike on October 10 which brought France to a near standstill, unions predicted yesterday.

The large Force Ouvrière union has called for another stoppage next Tuesday, and other unions have said they plan to join that strike if today's demonstration is successful.

Striking rail unions gave a warning that commuter trains and suburban lines round Paris might be halted entirely, while most high-speed TGV services were also due to be cancelled as of last night. Several unions called for the rail strike to continue through the weekend. The Paris Metro will run at a fraction of capacity, but the Eurostar Channel Tunnel service will be less affected, with ten of the 12 trains from London running to schedule.

More than 80 per cent of Air France's European flights will be halted and a strike by air traffic controllers will disrupt air travel within France.

Despite the havoc, a poll published in *Le Parisien* yesterday showed that some 54 per cent of people support the general strike, compared with 23 per cent against. Numerous rallies are taking place today. Last week Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, said that, if two million people took to the streets against his reforms, the Government would fall.

Ear, ear, what's all this then?

From Mark Fuller
in Amsterdam

BURGLARS in The Netherlands are falling foul of a new form of forensic evidence — the ear-print. Pioneered by Rotterdam police, the technique has led to a dozen convictions so far this year, a police spokesman said yesterday.

"It is as unique as a fingerprint and is ideal for catching burglars because they often listen before breaking in. Their ear-prints are most common on windows and doors. Sometimes there is a print of an ear-ring, skin wrinkles and strands of hair as well. That's a bonus," said Nico Dubois, a police expert who developed the practice.

Mr Dubois and a colleague, Frans de Groen, researched similarities in the ears of people from the same family or race before concluding no oral organ is the same.

If burglars start to wear mufflers, Mr Dubois said, "there are many more body parts that are unique and we will be looking how to use these in the near future".

Rome fears new Tyrol militancy

From John Phillips
in Rome

PRESIDENT SCALFARO of Italy is flying to the German-speaking Alto Adige-Trentino region today to appeal for national unity amid signs of a revival in South Tyrol separatist guerrilla activity, official sources say.

His visit to the northern city of Trento comes after alarm in Rome at efforts by regional officials from pro-autonomy parties to use European Union funds to create a new region-state that would straddle the frontiers of Italy and Austria and satisfy nostalgia for a "Greater Tyrol", harking back to the days of the pre-1918 Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Austrian intelligence agents have discovered that armed groups of *Schützen* — colourful folkloristic activists calling for Tyrolean cultural and political unity — attended paramilitary training camps for weapons courses earlier this year, the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* reported.

Thousands of young German speakers from the Alto Adige and Trentino gathered with Austrian counterparts at a rally in Innsbruck on September 17 and declared the formation of a *Schützenbund*, uniting Tyrolean militants.

Freudian detects crime queen's sins

By Ben Macintyre

BENEATH the polite manners of Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple lurk dark passions, suppressed sadism and Oedipal longings, according to a French psychoanalyst who has put Agatha Christie on the couch and uncovered a wealth of Freudian hang-ups.

The celebrated novelist left behind numerous clues to her psychology by the time of her death in 1976, which have now been pieced together in a book entitled *Meurtre Familier* (Familiar Murder) by Sophie de Mijolla-Mellor.

Agatha Christie: sadism and Oedipal longings?

A professor of clinical psychology and psychoanalysis at the University of Paris, Mme de Mijolla-Mellor argues that the singular nature of Christie's works may be explained by her frustrated childhood, a lack of adult understanding in her youth and repressed Oedipal remorse.

Christie's 77 novels, of which two billion copies have been published in 45 languages, reveal undercurrents of repressed sexuality amid the scones and gentility.

The writer attaches great importance to Christie's childish fantasies about murder, and in particular the "gunman", a horrifying "killer" who appeared in Christie's early nightmares complete with a telltale Freudian stump where his hand should be. Mme de Mijolla-Mellor argues that Poirot and Miss Marple are reflections of Christie's need to exorcise this archetype of evil.

The book has received enthusiastic reviews in France. "Behind the well-groomed exteriors of provincial England, in the ancient houses haunted by nostalgia for the womb, sexual urges simmer. Sadism and castration are commonplace," wrote Jean-Francis Held in the magazine *L'Evénément du Jeudi*.

Was Christie a tortured soul whose complex psychology spilled into her work, or merely a great writer who knew how to rattle her readers? The case remains open, but it is worth recalling Freud's own words: "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

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Poll deals blow to image of Britons as Euro-sceptics

From Charles Bremner in brussels

A NARROW majority of Britons believe that the United Kingdom should hand over more power to the European Union, according to a Europe-wide survey which shows that the British Euro-attitudes are not as negative as often thought.

Polls conducted for the European Commission in the 15 member states found that 51 per cent of Britons believe that their country should "share more sovereignty with the other member states". Only in four EU countries — Greece, Denmark, Sweden and Finland — did majorities oppose giving up more national powers.

The Commission, which is waging a campaign to improve the EU's image, staged the polls to gauge attitudes towards the imminent revamp of the Maastricht treaty. It found that only 16 per cent of Britons were even aware that such an exercise was in the offing — the lowest level in Europe. Britons were, however, the most convinced of the importance of reforming EU institutions.

By other measures, however, British attitudes to Europe are widely shared among the other 14 members and rarely are they extreme. The Nordic countries and Greece emerge as more generally Euro-sceptic and substantial minorities in most countries hold the Union in low esteem.

Only 7 per cent of Europeans favour the creation of a federal superstate. Finns are even more opposed to monetary union than the 53 per cent opposed to it in Britain. A narrow majority of Europeans believe a single currency will be in operation by the end of the century. "Ecu" is by far the most popular name for the new unit.

The Commission will be disheartened to find that a strong majority favours a looser, *à la carte* Union in which countries can opt out of common policies, as Britain does over monetary union and the Social Chapter. This finding bodes ill for attempts to enforce a single-speed Europe at the inter-governmental conference (IGC) in 1996.

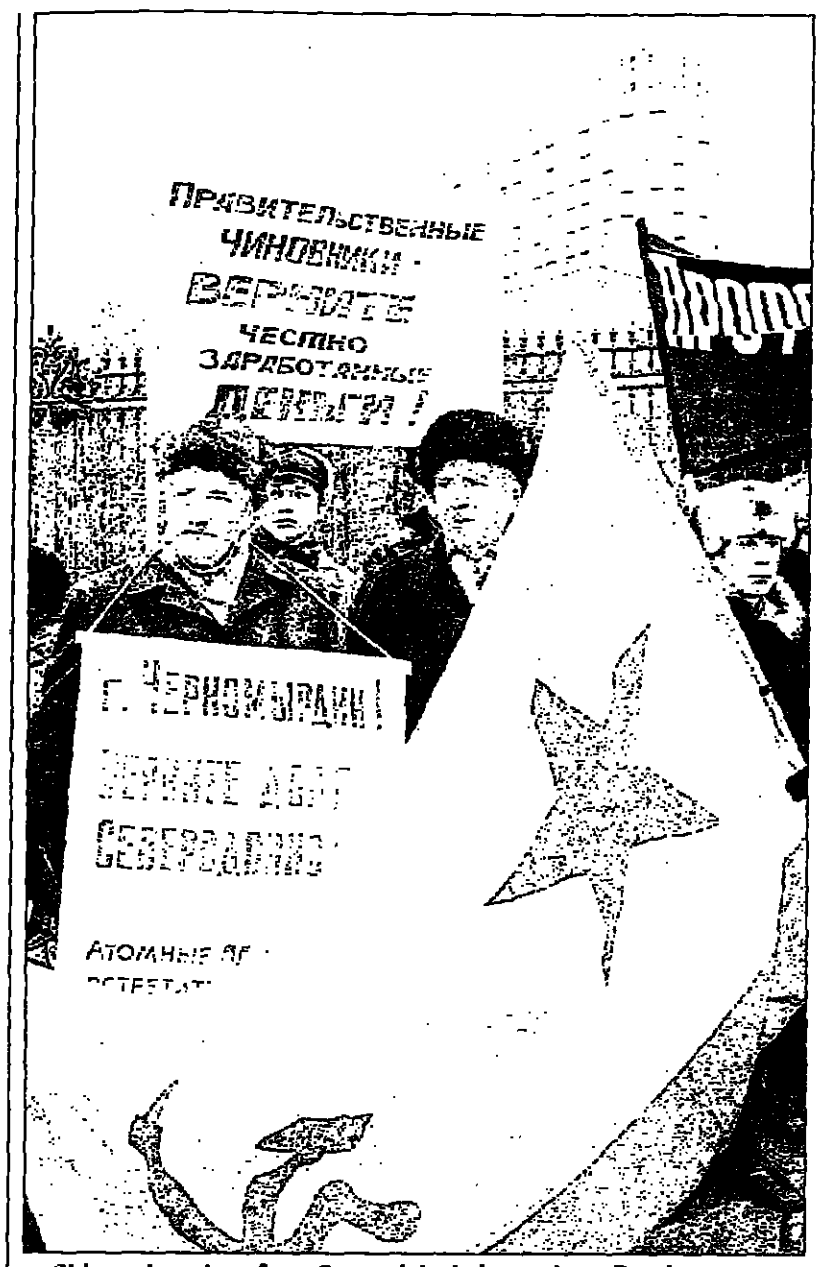
More citizens also believe member states should retain their veto rights than those who back the more federalist view. In another surprise, while 47 per cent of Britons back the Government's refusal to give up the national veto in EU affairs, they only narrowly outnumber the 44 per cent who believe the veto right should be dropped. Nearly 70 per cent of Europeans believe, however, that the Union should have a common foreign and defence policy.

Equally noteworthy was the shaky public support for opening of the Union to new members from Eastern and Central Europe. National governments will also heed that seven out of ten Europeans believe the IGC results should be put to a referendum.

Howard 'no' on Europol

Britain's European Union partners failed yesterday to persuade it to drop its opposition to a role for the European Court in the activities of Europol, the police agency set up to tackle cross-border crime (Charles Bremner writes).

However, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, approved an all-European definition of "refugee". The new criteria, though not binding on member states, rule out asylum for most of those fleeing civil war, a step that could close the gates to Balkan refugees.



Shipyard workers from Severodvinsk, in northern Russia, wave a "Red Fleet" flag at a Moscow rally yesterday demanding jobs

Chernomyrdin offers cash sweeteners to lure reluctant voters

From Richard Beeston in moscow

RUSSIA'S long-suffering population could be forgiven for believing that Christmas is coming early this year, after millions of pounds in "sweeteners" have been promised to disaffected voters ahead of polling day.

After years of complaints that the Kremlin has done little for the ordinary man, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the dour Prime Minister, is recasting himself in the role of Father Christmas with a little something for everyone. Although better known as the man who brought Russia's economy under control through tough belt-tightening measures, Mr Chernomyrdin is today orchestrating the biggest state handout since the Communists were in power.

Millions of Russians, including unpaid soldiers, disgruntled journalists and swindled investors have been promised a generous financial assistance package. The unwritten clause in the offer is that voters put aside their anti-government sentiments and back Mr Chernomyrdin's Our Home Is Russia party, which is trailing in the polls with less than a month before elections. "Nobody has promised Russia more in the last five years than Viktor Chernomyrdin has in the last week," commented the current affairs programme *Itogi*, which listed the lucky recipients.

The first to benefit from the Government's largesse will be the neglected military, whose soldiers complain that they are never paid on time. Mr Chernomyrdin has promised that all arrears will be met by the end of this month and that cash shortages for the army will soon be a thing of the past.

The move appears to have impressed some men in uniform. General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, caused a furore among opposition parties this week when he publicly endorsed Mr Chernomyrdin and instructed the country's 1.5 million troops to vote for his party.

The next in line was the Russian press, where many newspapers and magazines have recently been threatened with closure because of dwindling readership and high publishing costs. Here, too, the journalists were reassured that state assistance would be made available.

By far Mr Chernomyrdin's most important pledge was to the estimated 20 million Russians, many of them pensioners, who lost their savings in crooked investment companies over the past four years, in particular the notorious MMM pyramid scheme which crashed last summer. In a move which has been widely denounced as cynical ploy, the Prime Minister has promised to establish a fund to protect shareholders and compensate investors, who lost millions in fraudulent schemes.

Experts predicted that, although the tactics might not be subtle, among Russia's inexperienced voters the promises could play an important role in swaying the large undecided electorate, particularly the victims of fraud.

Nevertheless, the pre-election gimmick could also backfire. "I was going to vote for Chernomyrdin until I found out that he was planning to give away my taxes," Nikolai Ivanchekov said. "He will not get my vote now."

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West accused of trying to raise Slovak tensions

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

A CLOSE political associate of Vladimir Meciar, the Slovak Prime Minister, yesterday accused the West of fomenting tension in Slovakia by its accusations of misgovernment and political manipulation.

Ivan Gasparovic, the chairman of the parliament, said many Slovaks doubted whether their country was really wanted in Nato and the European Union, after the tough warning delivered to Mr Meciar by European Union foreign ministers last month. He said that these warnings, echoed by the United States, were "creating dangerous, inner-political nervousness and tension".

His defiant remarks come in the wake of a public warning from Hans van den Broek, the EU Commissioner responsible for ties with Eastern Europe, that the recent record of violations of political and human rights in Slovakia had jeopardised the country's early entry into the Union. He said member states would not tolerate political abuses that included harassment of the opposition and alleged political corruption.

It has emerged that Britain has withdrawn a privatisation adviser in protest at what is seen at the political manipulation of the denationalisation programme to reward supporters of Mr Meciar's Government. David Douglas, the adviser, one of two originally sent to Bratislava, was recalled in June when Slovak plans for mass privatisation using coupons were withdrawn.

Mr Gasparovic yesterday also criticised a resolution by the European Parliament deploring recent political trends in Slovakia. A member of Mr Meciar's ruling Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, he told a visiting delegation from Strasbourg that Slovakia now doubted the West's sincerity in promising to open negotiations on EU entry.

British officials make no secret of their dismay at what are seen as high-handed authoritarian tactics by Mr Meciar to quash political opposition. His campaign to force the resignation of President Kovac has included government pressure on all civil servants to sign petitions calling for his removal.

The Government has also blocked an inquiry into the security services which are accused of kidnapping Mr Kovac's son earlier this year, drugging him and dumping him across the border in Austria with a tip-off to police in Germany, where he is wanted for questioning over drugs and financial irregularities.

Kovak: facing calls for his resignation

'Adam' lived 180,000 years ago in Africa

From Quentin Letts in new york

ALL men have a single ancestor who lived less than 200,000 years ago, according to an American scientific report. The early man, nicknamed "Adam", belonged to a small tribe, possibly from Africa.

Geneticists studied the genes in a mixed-race group of men, noting differences in the male-only Y-chromosomes of Africans, Aborigines, Japanese and Europeans. Genetic mutations happen at predictable intervals, allowing calculation of how long ago people diverged. The Y-chromosome, which is passed from father to son, is one of the two sex-determining chromosomes.

In a report in the latest issue of *Nature* magazine, Dr Michael Hammer of the University of Arizona estimates that "Adam" lived 188,000 years ago. He was not the loner depicted in Genesis, but more likely a member of a small group of primitive people. His genes happened to survive while those of his colleagues did not, probably because they failed to procreate.

Dr Hammer's report matches the "Eve" ancestral theory for women, which was reached after a worldwide survey of DNA sequences in the 1980s. It concluded that all female groups, from Europe to Australia, could trace their ancestry back to a single woman who lived in Africa some 200,000 years ago. This opposed a theory that mankind evolved in different regions of the Old World from an earlier ancestor, *Homo erectus*, who migrated from Africa a million years ago. A separate report in the same issue of *Nature* offers a more recent dating for "Adam".

There is nothing to suggest that "Adam" knew "Eve", said Dr Hammer, although research suggested that he was of African origin.

Few heroes emerge in war played out as 'dirty game'

Anthony Loyd, who has spent three years in Bosnia, looks back at a war fed by a cycle of suffering and bitterness

A Serb sniper's bullets puffing into the snow and ice was my introduction to the Bosnian war. Two old women pushed their cart on, unconcerned, as I dived for cover.

It was March 1993 and my third day in Sarajevo. I ran to the cover of a nearby wall from where I saw the old women's perilous journey. A bullet blew a wheel from the cart, while others tore into the potatoes, showering the women with debris. Miraculously, they made it to the wall. I expected them to be shocked, or at least outraged, that someone should have consciously tried to kill them.

Yet they expressed not even surprise. "Huh, that was close," one remarked as the other sighed and knelt down to repair the shattered wheel. For them, it was just another day in Sarajevo. For me, it was an introduction to the rules of Bosnia's war in which the very young, the very old, man, woman and child alike were as likely to be deliberately shot at as the soldier on the front line.

The Bosnian war started as a fairly parochial conflict between Serbs, Muslims and Croats in the spring of 1992, yet as it progressed assumed an importance disproportionate to the state's size, and soon the United Nations and Nato were involved. For all the international involvement, the Bosnian war was most memorable for its brutality.

Perhaps many foreign observers were naive as to the nature of warfare. With experience of the Falkland and Gulf wars, fought between armies in environments largely bare of civilians, perhaps we were ignorant of the fact that most wars are fought in populated areas far from the cameras where rape and the murder of civilians are common.

Yet Bosnia's war involved a particularly shocking brand of hatred and callousness. Much of its ugliness was born, ironically, from the fact that the participants knew each other, at least by reputation. They had shared the same land and now fought one another for this ground. As each side suffered, so the level of bitterness towards former friends grew in a vicious circle.

> 'The crying prisoner, whom I had pitied, had doubtless sliced the ear from a Muslim woman'

In nearly three years of covering the war I was to see just a little of this ugliness; women with their faces blown off, men pitchforked, children with their heads smashed in by rifle butts, soldiers garrotted, village communities slaughtered and their houses burnt down. Even last month, as the American ceasefire finally halted the fighting in western Bosnia, I saw the bodies of 11 Muslim men who had been beaten to death by Serbs outside Sanski Most.

"There are no heroes in this war," a young government army sniper assured me one cold spring day in Sarajevo. "This is just a dirty game."

There were heroes; the multitude that maintained a sense of humanity and realism, but few were to be found in the command structures of any side. As about a quarter of a million civilians and soldiers died, behind-the-scenes warlords and politicians conducted deals for themselves.

President Milosevic of Serbia sold out the Krajina Serbs to a Croatian offensive this year as surely as Srebrenica, its command structure removed by the Bosnian Government six weeks before the Serbs' offensive, was left to its fate a month earlier. In the same year government troops had launched yet another impossible attack against superior forces, this time round Sarajevo, which had more to do with under-the-table dealings than military necessity. Predictably, the casualty figure was enormous while the offensive was a failure.

A Bosnian soldier embraces his girlfriend in a Sarajevo park yesterday as the realisation begins to dawn that the peace deal may hold

"If it were really a war against the Serb people, then I would return and fight," a Serb told me recently from his new home in Western Europe. "But it isn't. It is a very complex political game where the lives of each side's soldiers are often sold out for whatever is expedient at that particular moment." His view was echoed by a Muslim draft-dodger in London a few days later.

However, the war was never a simple contest between two evils. Although the Bosnian Government's strategy became increasingly brutalised as the war progressed, initially its multi-ethnic pretensions were genuine. It was true on occasion that the government army had acted with duplicity, targeted civilians, and was responsible for atrocities, but such instances were scarce and were more the product of troops running amok than due to the cold-blooded "cleansing" strategy carried out by the Serbs and latterly the Croats.

The Muslims, recognised only in 1974 by Tito as a separate entity in Yugoslavia, had less nationalist conviction than history allowed Serbs and Croats, and this preserved a modicum of decency and restraint in their mode of warfare. Even in 1995 it was not uncommon to find Bosnian soldiers expressing the principles of multi-ethnicity.

My detached cynicism was wounded in the first summer that I witnessed the war. Accompanying Bosnian soldiers outside Travnik, I saw two young Croat soldiers dragged from a house.

I thought that they would be shot, but they were treated kindly and given cigarettes.

"I never wanted to fight my Muslim brothers," one of the prisoners wept. "I had no choice, I was conscripted." He was 21 years old and I sympathised with his predicament. He was no fascist, I thought. When he asked me to tell his mother in Vitez that he was alive, I agreed immediately and took his family's address.

A Bosnian soldier relieved the prisoner of his knife and ammunition pouches and the two men were led away. Later a calf was slaughtered and cooked. We sliced the meat with the Croat's knife, and as I ate the soldier who had taken the pouches pulled something out of one of them. A minute later I thought he was offering me another morsel of veal, but the flesh he dropped into my hand killed my appetite instantly; it was a woman's ear. The crying prisoner, whom I had pitied, had doubtless sliced it from some Muslim woman shortly before he was caught. No wonder he had wept so. A couple of soldiers were sent back to kill him, and I found myself as hateful for a minute as the soldiers around me. It seemed pointless relaying his message to his mother, so I tore up the address as I departed. Perhaps the propaganda was right, and everyone in this war was some sort of extremist.

I cannot believe that the conflict is over. Too many of the reasons for fighting remain, but for millions of innocents the American plan offers at least the chance for a respite to their sufferings. *Videtcemo* (we shall see) the Bosnians say.

Net closes slowly on war crime suspects

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

THE men most closely identified with the bombardment of Sarajevo — Radovan Karadzic, the poet-psychiatrist, and Ratko Mladic, the general-politician — are among the more than 40 people who have so far been indicted for war crimes by the United Nations tribunal based at The Hague.

Together the pair ran and inspired the Bosnian Serb campaign for three years. General Mladic in effect militarised the whole adult Bosnian Serb population. Dr Karadzic sticks in the memory as the tousle-haired nationalist who declaimed his epic poems on the hills round Sarajevo as shells crashed on the city below.

At the outset of the Ohio talks the Bosnian Government was insisting that the two should be handed over. The accord says only that people indicted by The Hague court cannot hold office or serve in the armed forces. All signatories, however, have agreed to co-operate with the tribunal; that seems to say that the two men are still needed for the transition to peace, but not perhaps for long.

Three factors will determine whether the two men end behind bars. First, the legal framework has to be sufficiently strong to convict men who gave orders. The debate as to whether "ethnic cleansing" should be classified as genocide is likely to be revived in The Hague's courtroom.

Second, the prosecutor has to establish the chain of command. This is difficult, especially when investigating the activities of President Milosevic of Serbia, who has not been charged but was named as a war crimes suspect by the US State Department.

Third, the apprehension of General Mladic and Dr Karadzic depends on the willingness of Mr Milosevic to hand over his former allies.

If a Western military force is sent to implement the Dayton deal, a brief to extradite the two suspected war criminals may become more feasible, although much will depend on relations between Belgrade and the Serbs in Pale.

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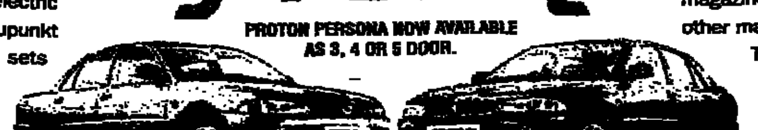

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Ohio agreement swallowed by Bosnian Serbs

By Stacy Sullivan and Our Foreign Staff

BOSNIAN Serb leaders agreed yesterday to accept the Bosnian peace deal negotiated by President Milosevic of Serbia, despite objections to key parts of it, according to reports in Sarajevo.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader who is wanted by a United Nations war crimes tribunal and who would be excluded from power by the peace treaty, took part in a meeting with Mr Milosevic at which it was agreed to meet Bosnian Serb objections through negotiations. Mr Milosevic called the leaders to talks near Belgrade, the Tanjug news agency reported.

As soon as the peace plan in Dayton was signed, a senior member of the Bosnian Serb delegation, Momcilo Krajisnik, who is the Speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament, denounced it, saying it did not meet "even the minimum" of Bosnian Serbs' interests.

However, other prominent Bosnian Serb leaders differed markedly from Mr Krajisnik. General Milan Gvero, a Bosnian Serb and senior aide to General Ratko Mladic and the man marked by Dr Karadzic as most responsible for the rift between the Bosnian Serb military and political leadership, welcomed the peace deal. He said that it was important "really to breathe life into this peace".

After 1993, Mr Milosevic's rhetoric of a Greater Serbia had softened and he began supporting peace initiatives in the interest of getting the crippling sanctions against Serbia lifted.

Despite opposition in the Bosnian Serb capital, Pale, Banja Luka, the largest city under Bosnian Serb control, supported Mr Milosevic's aim. The Banja Luka Serbs did not fare badly in the peace plan, gaining a chunk of territory, including Mrkonjic Grad and Sipovo.

Since the peace deal to end the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina was signed in Dayton on

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Tuesday, there has been one question in the minds of everyone concerned. If the Bosnian Serb leaders, General Mladic and Dr Karadzic, are to step down from power and eventually face trial at The Hague, who is going to represent the Bosnian Serbs and how will they react to the peace plan?

The contenders from the present leadership include Mr Krajnisik, whom many believe could be pulled into line by Mr Milosevic: Nikola Koljevic, the Bosnian Serb Vice-President who was a member of the Dayton delegation; and General Gvero.

☐ **Paris:** Relations of French peacekeepers killed in former Yugoslavia threatened yesterday to disrupt the signing of a peace agreement in Paris unless two French pilots believed to be held by Bosnian Serbs are freed.

The group said the signing of the peace deal, expected next month, must be delayed until Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet are released. They have been missing for 11 weeks since their Mirage 2000 was shot down over Bosnia during Nato raids around Pale.

The group said in a statement that it "demands that the Paris conference for the signing of the peace accords be postponed indefinitely until the release of our fellow-citizens. "If this is not done, a spectacular action may take place," it added.

The foreign affairs committee of the French National Assembly decided yesterday to send a mission to Belgrade to investigate the fate of the two airmen. The five deputies will be headed by François Guillaume, a Gaullist MP.

Although the pilots were captured by members of the Bosnian Serb armed forces, Dr Karadzic has said since that they were seized from a hospital by unknown kidnappers. French officials have voiced fears that they have been killed. *(Reuter)*

Krajisnik: seen as a leadership contender

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Clinton will call on nation to back troops' mission

From Ian Brodie in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON will make a television address on Monday to launch a campaign to win support from a sceptical Congress and wary public for sending 20,000 American troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

His speech has meant cutting short his visit to London and missing lunch with the Queen. British officials said yesterday that the curtailment would be worth it if the President can win support for the deployment.

Mr Clinton will cast the issue in terms of peace versus war and call on Americans to remember the images of Balkan atrocities on their television screens during the past four years. He will make the case that peace in Bosnia is essential for continued stability in Europe.

Bosnia was on Mr Clinton's mind as he donned an apron to carve turkey for the Thanksgiving holiday at a homeless shelter near the White House. As 50 men, women and children lined up for food, he told them that because of the war a million families were homeless "in that little bitty country, so much smaller than us".

But Republican chiefs raised their voices in opposition to US involvement. Rob-

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ert Dole, the Senate Republican leader and front-runner for the party's presidential nomination, said Mr Clinton must demonstrate that it was in the national interest to put so many troops in such a dangerous place so far away.

Congress is expected to open hearings next week into the peace accord initialled on Tuesday. Yet even if the vote goes against Mr Clinton, he will claim the constitutional right to send the troops as commander-in-chief. Such a move would be a high-stakes gamble: a generation of American baby-boomers, which is still haunted by Vietnam, is unnerved at the prospect of young soldiers coming home in body bags.

Sir John Kerr, Britain's Ambassador to Washington, predicted that the price for congressional acquiescence could be to force the Administration to arm and train the Bosnian army or to set a firm date for US troop withdrawal. Neither option is attractive to Whitehall.

Richard Holbrooke, the architect of the jigsaw diplomacy that rearranged the Bosnian map, said American ground troops would not go until the Administration was sure the peace agreement would hold.

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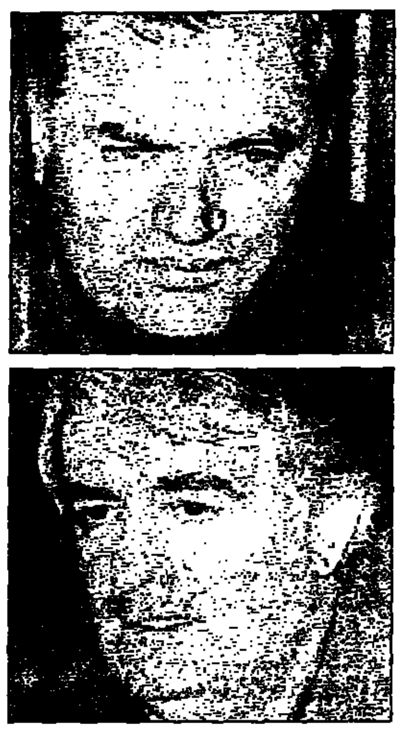
Winners and losers in the Balkan conflict

Milosevic: masterminded the "ethnic cleansing" campaign

Alija Izetbegovic: reluctantly hailed by war-weary Muslims

Franjo Tudjman: enlarged and "pure" Croatian state


Ratko Mladic, above and Radovan Karadzic

Four years after the outbreak of the most devastating conflict in Europe for 50 years, key players have emerged with their reputations enhanced or shattered. **Michael Binyon** looks at those with the most at stake

The President of Serbia has snatched political survival, if not victory, from the defeat of his nationalist dreams. The man who more than any other was responsible for the break-up of Yugoslavia and the Serb attempt to dominate the Balkans, he skilfully switched roles from that of warmonger to peace-maker when things began to go against the Serbs two years ago.

Mr Milosevic used Serb nationalism, especially in Kosovo, to build up a personal following and to position himself as the leader of the movement for a Greater Serbia. His aim was thwarted by the intervention of the outside world. Having armed and masterminded the puppet regime in Pale, Mr Milosevic was unable to ward off international sanctions, which rapidly bit into his unreformed communist economy. This and the cost of war led to unprecedented inflation and the virtual ruin of Serbia's economy.

The reputed mastermind of "ethnic cleansing", Mr Milosevic distanced himself from Pale in an effort to break out of isolation. His manipulation of Serb nationalism and willingness to make peace with international negotiators by abandoning the Bosnian Serbs and sealing the border undercut domestic opposition, ensured continuing Russian backing and made him, in the end, indispensable to the West. He achieved the virtual independence of 49 per cent of Serb-occupied Bosnia and ensured the removal of sanctions — but at a high cost.

Mr Milosevic must now attempt to assure the war-weary Serbs that it has all been worthwhile. The only way he will succeed is if the immediate removal of sanctions leads to a surge of economic activity.

THE President of Bosnia has failed in his attempt to retain a single, unified country under his Government's control. His is the most bitter acceptance of what he called the "unjust peace"; but his achievement in halting the bombardment of Sarajevo and retaining control over a reduced rump is reluctantly hailed by Muslims weary of war.

Mr Izetbegovic's strength was a refusal to accept defeat in the early stages of war when the Muslims suffered massive setbacks; his weakness was a persistant belief that the West, and especially, America, could be forced to intervene to support the Bosnian Government and reverse its losses. He was reluctant to push for independence, knowing that this would upset the ethnic balance in Bosnia, but refused to make concessions to the Serb minority.

His Government was beset by feuding and he was a difficult negotiator who counted on the obstinacy of the Serbs to win Western sympathy.

The combined pressure of America and the other negotiators in Dayton forced him to settle for a peace which gave him less territory than originally offered by European negotiators. The Bosnian Muslims are left weak, frustrated and angry, and Mr Izetbegovic may fall victim to continuing intrigue in Sarajevo.

THE President of Croatia is the big winner. A former Communist and general in the Yugoslav Army, he led the Croatian nationalist opposition after Tito's death, focusing on breaking the link with Serbia. Mr Tudjman wanted an enlarged, ethnically pure Croatian state, and, with the expulsion of Serbs from Krajina, this is roughly what he has achieved.

His support came from nationalists suppressed by Tito. Though he is a bitter enemy of President Milosevic, the two were long thought to have conspired in carving up Bosnia.

Tudjman achieved his aims through a combination of influence, luck, timing and training. He received the important early backing of Germany, which forced other EU partners into recognising Croatia in January 1992. After the loss of Eastern Slavonia and Krajina and the initial open conflict with the Bosnian Muslims, he changed tactics to keep good relations with the West, especially America, consolidating his position in Bosnia by agreeing to the Washington-inspired Bosnian-Croat federation. He secretly rebuilt his army, with American training and advice, and then used it in a blitzkrieg earlier this year. He failed to receive overwhelming support for his party in elections last month, but his political position is unassailable.

THE political and military leaders of the Bosnian Serbs are the decisive losers from the settlement. Accused of war crimes by the international tribunal, they have been defeated militarily and politically and are to be excluded from ever holding office again.

Their initial support by Belgrade won them 70 per cent of Bosnia, but their inflexibility led to the breakdown of the Vance-Owen peace plan and their abandonment by President Milosevic of Serbia, who then conducted a personal vendetta against the Pale leaders.

The two long held the initiative in the war, but their duplicity and obstinacy led to their complete political isolation. They failed to force the surrender of Sarajevo or halt Western relief efforts, and decisive Nato airstrikes and the lightning Croatian attack against the Krajina Serbs opened a bitter split between the two.

Overstretched on the ground, General Mladic retained the loyalty of his officers but could not assert political authority in Pale. Dr Karadzic was at first silent on the Dayton deal.

The two have been sidelined in the peace negotiations, and political power may now move away from the hardliners in Pale to the more realistic assessment of the Bosnian Serb situation in Banja Luka.

Dr Karadzic yesterday belatedly accepted the peace proposals, according to initial reports. But this may be mere expediency to stave off what is likely to be political ruin. General Mladic will have to deal with likely calls for resistance to any surrender of territory — but is likely to advise Serb leaders that an immediate confontration with a new beefed-up Nato force would be hopeless.

QUOTES

War talk reveals frustration and fears

☐ The lesson of Bosnia is that when Nato is united behind a policy and determined to carry it out, everything works. But Nato only works when we give full-heated American leadership and American commitment.
Richard Holbrooke, US Assistant Secretary of State: October 1995

☐ Many of the people with whom I have had to deal in the former Yugoslavia were literally strangers to the truth.
Lord Owen, EU Bosnia negotiator: Autobiography, November 1995

☐ We have no snipers.
Radovan Karadzic, Bosnian Serb leader: January 1993

☐ It is not part of our mission to impose any solution by force of arms. We are neither mandated not deployed for such a mission.
General Rose, British UN Commander in Bosnia: November 1994

☐ If you take one of my Warriors, I'll bloody well kill you.
Colonel Bob Stewart, British UN commander in Bosnia: April 1993

☐ It is necessary to resist the temptation to use military power to speed up the resolution of conflicts.
Boutros Boutros Ghali, UN Secretary-General: January 1995

☐ We believe that Serbs have the legitimate right to live in one country. If we must fight, then, by God, we will fight.
Slobodan Milosevic, Serbian President: 1991

☐ Attack, the offensive, is my dominant way of waging war.
Ratko Mladic, Serbian military chief: April 1994

☐ Some people are trying to resolve the Bosnian question without the participation of Russia. We will not allow this.
Boris Yeltsin, Russian President: February 1994

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How did a rational, affable, God-fearing Arsenal supporter cope with the defence of Rosemary West?

'After the verdict I could only console and reassure Rosemary West'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Richard Ferguson, QC, having failed to convince the Winchester jury of Rosemary West's innocence, took a train home on Wednesday night to Highbury — a house chosen for its closeness to Arsenal's home ground. Mr Ferguson prefers to be called Dick, speaks with a distinct brogue, cares little for the pomp and gravitas of the silk's role, and fiercely supports the Gunners. After weeks in hated hotel rooms he sits by the fire in his study, without the courtroom wig or half-moon spectacles, with his pipe lit. The former Unionist MP for South Antrim, though "shattered" with exhaustion — "I give everything. I pour myself into a case" — is all affability.

As his client spent the first night of the rest of her life in a cell, Mr Ferguson was going out to dinner with his wife Roma, "somewhere in the West End which has great steaks", she promised.

It must be a consolation that, no matter how vile your crime, or unprepossessing your appearance, the court will hear your side of the story from a passionately rational, personable and God-fearing orator who cares only for the truth. Ferguson, who decided on the law after reading Rattigan's *The Winslow Boy* (based on his fellow Trinity man, Sir Edward Carson).

He is 60, pin-neat and sporting trim after 40 years at the Bar. He is a devotee of the great walker, Wainwright, and once strode the mountains with Jeremy Paxman. Unlike Paxman he expects to be accepted by the Garrick before long: "I like the ambience, I like things which have a feeling of history." He has four grown children by his first marriage to a solicitor in Northern Ireland and a son — dressed in Arsenal strip — by Roma, an Irish-born barrister in the Family Court.

He comes from a nonconformist family. He was brought up a Methodist: his policeman father's name was Wesley, his grandfather a lay preacher. His grandmother raised 13 on the 100-acre family farm in Fermanagh. His father was desperately unhappy in the police and deeply ambitious for his only son. "I went to Methodist College in Belfast, as did my three eldest sons, which offered as good an education as one would get anywhere, and cost nothing. The quality of life in Northern Ireland is just priceless."

Ferguson has inherited the farm at Derrygonelly from a childless uncle, the Unionist MP for Enniskillen. "Roots are very important to me. In a peasant society, land is crucial."

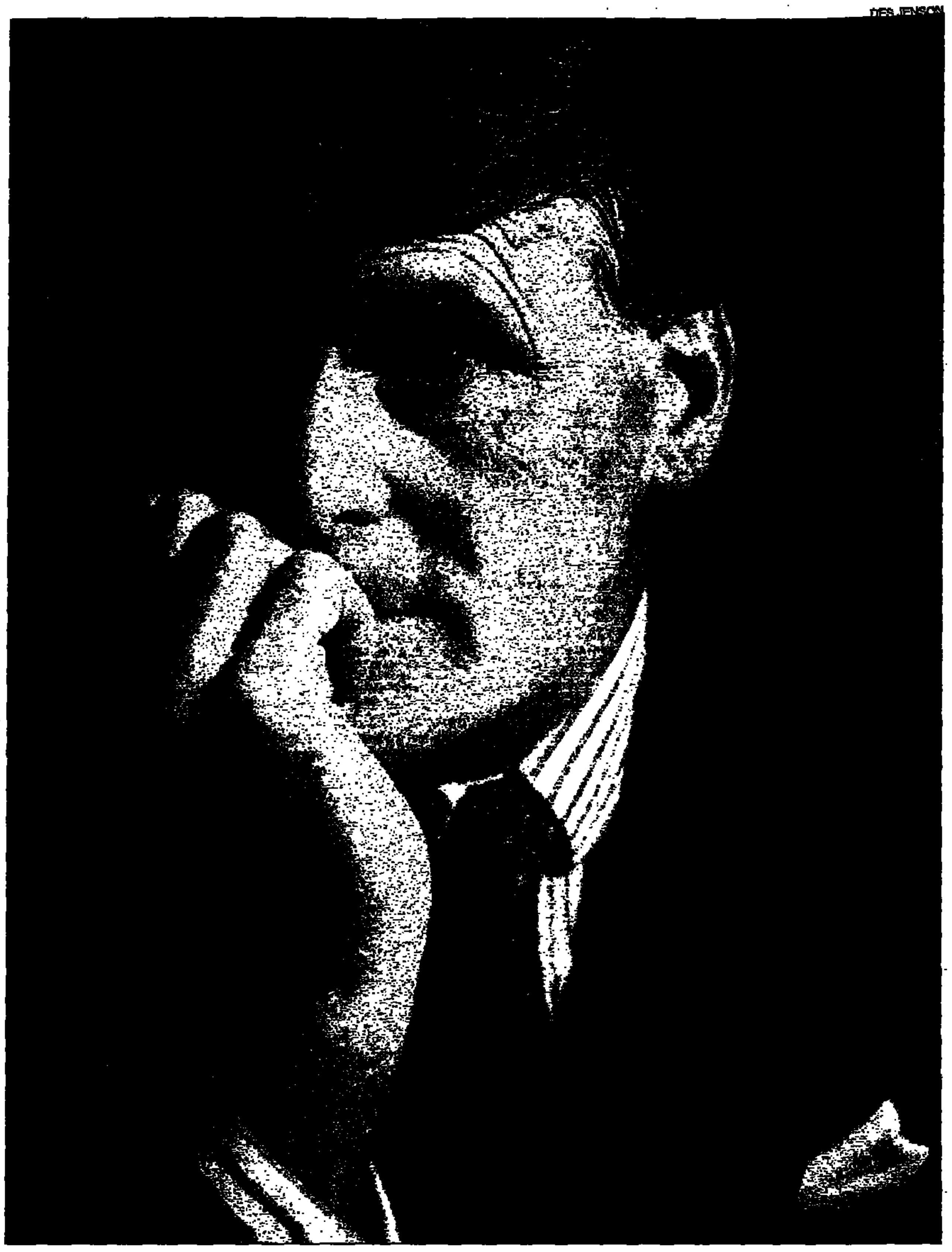
He did his law degree in Belfast in the days when Bar candidates had to do an arts degree as well, to ensure that lawyers were not too narrowly specialised. So he went to Trinity and did his "fun degree" in Dublin, "a city devoted to the pursuit of pleasure". He reviewed books for Terence de Vere White at the *Irish Times*: he has just finished Sebastian Faulks's *Birdsong* and has embarked on Pat Barker's First World War trilogy.

He has taken part in many high-profile trials: the Sex for Secrets case; the Brighton bombings; the acquittal of Terry Marsh; the Guinness trial, where he defended Ernest Saunders ("I always thought the prosecution should never have been brought, it was one of these periodic outbreaks of morality by the English middle classes"). He defended the two police officers acquitted of fitting up Winston Silcott, and also Private — now Lance-Corporal — Clegg.

"I am very ecumenical," he says. "No one was ever able to pigeonhole me." In Northern Ireland he has represented alleged IRA defendants, the RUC and the British Army. He has prosecuted murderers in Diplock courts, and at the Old Bailey.

He was offered the defence of Rosemary West shortly after Fred West hanged himself. "A basic tenet of the profession is that if you are offered work of a type in which you specialise, you are under an obligation to accept it."

He found no problem in establishing a rapport with her. "Largely because I'm Irish, I have little difficulty in having a rapport with most people. The Irish are not a judgmental nation. You establish a relationship of trust. Clients know you will do your best for them."



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Richard Ferguson, QC: on Monday he starts a case of an attempted murder, then a series of libel cases in Ireland

In the broad brush-strokes of his defence he painted 25 Cromwell Street as "not your typical suburban home with 2.4 children, but a refuge for the flotsam and jetsam of modern life". Rosemary West, he said, was another victim of Fred West: he had already been capable of murdering, dismembering and disposing of bodies before she came along; she had fallen under the spell of the man whose ghostly voice was heard in court. And he declared: "The fact that Rosemary West may be a lesbian doesn't make her a murderer."

Inevitably, hate letters began to arrive, challenging him: how could you possibly defend someone like Rosemary West? "And the answer is, because Mrs West maintains her innnocence and is entitled to the best representation that can be obtained for her.

"That simple statement of justification for defending in criminal cases is incomprehensible to the vast majority of people. No matter how intelligent they may be, people ask, do you think the Birmingham Six were guilty? Do you think Rosemary West is guilty? That is not a question for me. As long as they maintain to me — as they all have done, and as I accept — their innocence, it has to be.

> 'People don't see her in the same way as Myra Hindley'

"What one is facing in a criminal court is evidence which has been marshalled by the police. But experience shows that on some occasions, they get it wrong. And if no one is prepared to stand up and fight for someone when the odds seem to be stacked against them, then one does risk the possibility that an innocent person might be convicted. I have known cases where the evidence against someone looked overwhelming. But weeks, months, even years later it turned out that they were telling the truth. You must have a system which tests the evidence as strictly as possible."

Most of us, sickened and harrowed by the case, conclude that justice has been done at Winchester. But there will be an appeal, the grounds of which will be drafted and filed by Mr Ferguson and his junior in two or three weeks. "Therefore one is under very strict constraints about what can be said.

"But what I can say is that at all times Rosemary West has protested, vociferously, her innocence, and that all the evidence against her has been of a circumstantial nature. Time will tell whether Rosemary West is truly guilty." Some new evidence? "Yes. Whether the police investigation continues or not, I think it is quite possible that further material may come up which may shed light on that issue. And as long as she maintains her innocence she is entitled to the most vigorous defence possible. I would like to regard myself as fearless in the defence of anyone who maintains their innocence, irrespective of the allegations."

A dispassionate barrister must not identify with his client, but I wondered if he considered himself a shrewd judge of character. "People are much too quick to jump to conclusions about the apparent character of others. I am much more diffident about making assessments and value judgments about anyone. Human nature is infinite in its variations. And that applies not only to politicians but to alleged criminals. It is very easy to call someone a subhuman monster, as elements in the media are quick to do. I think it's vital to stand back and try to assess them on evidence which is objectively reliable."

The intrusion of chequebook journalism into the West case, where 20 witnesses admitted to having been paid by newspapers or television companies — which might have been a key element in a successful defence — looks likely to be curbed in future under new legislation. "It does make things more difficult if a witness is under contract to a newspaper or television programme," says Ferguson. "The temptation to stick to their script makes it extremely unlikely that they will make any concessions in their evidence. It also means that the witness has, if not exactly rehearsed, at least gone over his or her evidence with a skilled journalist with a particular aim to serve."

He is resigned now to having taxi drivers tell him that life imprisonment is too good for West. "But I also make the generalisation in all cases that the vast majority of people do not know what the evidence in the case was. Such things as they do know are gathered from the lurid and sensational descriptions in newspapers and on television. And the people who express their views most strongly know least about the case.

> 'Being a lesbian doesn't make her a murderer'

"But my impression is," he added, "that people don't see Rosemary West in quite the same way as they see Myra Hindley."

After this weekend at his cottage in Kent, he starts a case of attempted murder at the Old Bailey, to be followed by a series of libel cases in Ireland involving members of the Guildford Four.

A trial, he says, is like a game of rugby: you play your hardest, and rely on the referee. Mr Justice Mantell was a fair referee. "He had a difficult role and he fulfilled it well." Then came the jury's verdict, and the chilling words: "If attention is paid to what I think, you will never be released. Take her down." Mr Ferguson went down to see his client. She was no longer tearful; she seemed numbed. "I could only console her," he says, "and reassure her that if there was anything further to be done, I would do it."

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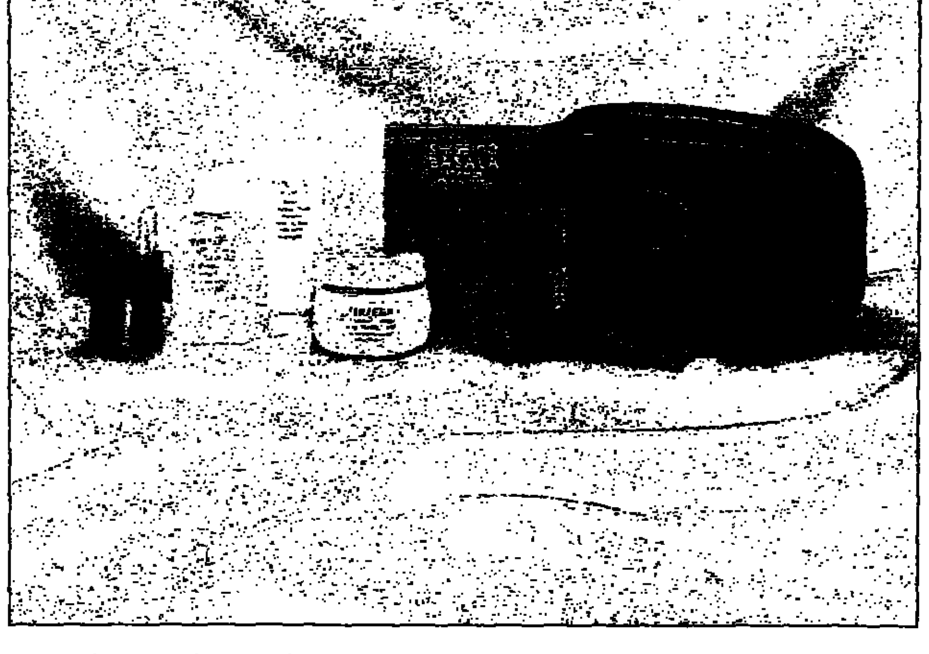

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The lady and the love-child

When Sir Nicholas Fairbairn died, he left an unexpected legacy, as **Gillian Bowditch** finds

As far as *anni horribiles* go, Lady Fairbairn's 1995 must set some sort of record. Her husband, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Tory MP for Perth and Kinross, died in February after a long and particularly harrowing illness. In the months before his death, his wife rarely left his side.

Three months later, Perth and Kinross, a seat which the Tories had held for decades, fell to the Scottish National Party. But worse was to come. During the by-election campaign, a letter to Sir Nicholas's brother revealed that the flamboyant MP and former Solicitor-General for Scotland was the father of a love-child, the product of an affair with an Australian teacher which his wife had not known about.

Now Sam Fairbairn is faced with the prospect of dismantling the wonderful, fairy-tale Fordell Castle, Fife, in which she and her husband lived for 14 years and which has just been sold.

The 13th-century castle is a magnificent Aladdin's cave of treasures. She cannot bear to leave it, but the new owners move in on February 29 and she is already wondering what to do with the contents. Her husband's old school, Loretto, came yesterday to pick up Sir Nicholas's copies of *Hansard*.

TOM KIDD

Lady Fairbairn: "I didn't mind at all about the infidelities as long as he didn't bring them home"

She is battling gamely with the grief: an attractive, elegant woman who has perfect skin and clear eyes. But it is easy to feel that despair could engulf her at any minute.

She was born in Pakistan in 1942, the daughter of a professional soldier, and spent her formative years in Kenya, returning to Britain to marry her first husband when she was just 18.

Her only son, Calum, was born a year later. She and her husband, Alistair, embarked on a peripatetic life living in Nigeria, Singapore, Germany and then Scotland.

It was in Edinburgh that she met Sir Nicholas. "My first husband was chronically unfaithful and I met Nicky when I consulted him about a divorce," she says. "But nothing came of it. I stuck with the marriage but I thought Nicky was amazing. We had an affair for a long time. He was having affairs with other women then as well, but he used to ring me practically every day."

When they married in 1982, she had no illusions that he would be faithful. "I didn't mind at all about the infidelities as long as he didn't bring them home. There was never a tacit agreement but I turned a blind eye."

She was initially attracted by his wit. "He was frightfully clever and he always had the right remark for the right occasion. I know he loved me very, very much. We were just like one, so his peccadilloes did not really matter."

But while she was forgiving of his infidelity, she found the news that he had fathered a love-child "devastating".

Sir Nicholas had met Paddy Mullen, the mother of his nine-year-old son, Edward, in 1978. It was a long-term affair but Sam Fairbairn has never met Ms Mullen, who now lives in Australia. "I think I was never meant to know about the son," she says. After Sir Nicholas's death, Ms Mullen wrote to his brother. "It was a huge shock," she says. "But about a week before he died I had to look in Nicky's desk. I found two pictures of a little boy. It did set alarm bells ringing."

She brings out the two snaps of a little blond boy. In one of them he is shaking hands with the Queen during her visit to Australia. There is a Christmas card signed "Edward".

"I asked Nicky when he was dying if there was anything he wanted to tell me. I knelt beside his bed, but he said no. I would have liked to have known about his son. I don't know how they thought they were going to keep it covered up.

> 'I would have liked to have known about the son'

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"Even if he had lived, it would have come out. I think he probably didn't tell me because he didn't want to hurt me. Perhaps he was afraid I would leave him. I would not have done, although there would have been a row."

She has now decided to give £10,000 to Edward and to each of Sir Nicholas's three daughters by his first marriage, despite the fact that Sir Nicholas deliberately cut them out of the will hours before his death.

"There has been a lot of press about me being the wicked stepmother. I haven't been, it is just that there wasn't any money to give them at the time. I think now it is the right thing to do."

She inherited Charlotte, Francesca and Anna when she married Sir Nicholas. "I had a tendency to overreact to them. Sometimes they were difficult and I don't think they liked me very much. I was not the reason Nicky's first marriage broke up."

She describes her stepdaughters' relationship with their father as "volatile". She says he was hurt his daughters rarely came to see him. "Nicky began not to care. Even though he was terribly ill, his brain was working well. He just said 'get the lawyer, I want to change the will'."

She says she does not think his daughters have forgiven her yet for marrying their father. "I was his wife," she says simply. "I did look after him. He was not ill just for six months, you know, he was ill for five years."

Her sorrow at her husband's death is compounded by the regrets Sir Nicholas had about his life. "He never really recovered from having to stand down as Solicitor-General. That was a huge blow. He became disillusioned with the Tories towards the end of his life. He felt the front bench were just clones. He loved Mrs Thatcher and she adored him. The day he died she rang me up and was on the phone for an hour. She was very, very kind."

It took John Major ten days to write a letter after Sir Nicholas's death. Sam Fairbairn feels let down by the Tories. "They neglected Nicky. They could have done more with him. If they had, he would have been much more supportive of them."

Rachel Kelly meets the new Miss Moneypenny

The name's Bond. Samantha Bond

Samantha Bond has endured jokes about her name for most of her 33 years. Since she took the part of Miss Moneypenny in the new £30 million James Bond film *Goldeneye*, the quips have proliferated.

She will inevitably now become best known for playing one of cinema's most famous, albeit minor, roles. Her predecessor in 14 Bond films, Lois Maxwell, became a household name. Samantha is a very different Moneypenny, more Ms than Miss. She dresses in a little black cocktail number specially designed to flatter her handsome shoulders and slim waist. There are no painted nails or tippy-tappy heels.

Does Samantha believe James has had an affair with Moneypenny? "No," she says. "I think she's far too canny for that. However attractive James may be, you'd no more want to get involved with him than drink ink. He is still, I'm afraid, one of those men. But then how many 'new men' do you really know?"

Moneypenny actually may have the upper hand, she believes. Bond is momentarily touched by her glamour. "I think that maybe, for a moment, James thinks how nice it would be to have a house in the country with Moneypenny. But then the plot moves on."

The plot has moved on for Samantha Bond too. She is starring in the West End with Dame Maggie Smith in Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women* and did not attend the Bond premiere.

She is nervous of seeing herself on the big screen. "I don't like listening to myself on radio either. You hear yourself, think you don't sound nice, and the honesty of your portrayal goes. You become self-conscious."

Is she fearful of only being famous for the one role? I detect a note of peevishness that publicity has descended for a role which probably lasts two minutes. Filming took two hours.

"I don't think that will happen," she says. "Audiences are used to Moneypenny changing. I'm the third." (A great friend of Samantha's, Caroline Bliss, was Moneypenny to Timothy Dalton's James Bond.)

Samantha Bond: "We all need escapism"

"Pierce is on a three-picture deal. I would be delighted to remain as Moneypenny, but I am only on a one-picture deal." Isn't it escapist nonsense? "Everyone needs escapism. Life is hard enough."

Miss Bond is relieved that film stardom has come with her career well established. Most of her work has been in the theatre for the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre.

Her twenties have passed without playing sweet young things. "I seem to get the older, heavyweight parts."

For all her schoolgirlish retroussé nose, strawberry blonde hair, blue eyes, and freckles, there is something about Miss Bond which suggests experience of life's trials. Her voice has a husky edge to it that recalls the young Judi Dench. Hers is a muscular intelligence, her wit subtle and intuitive.

She briefly separated from her husband, the actor Alex Hanson, 34, who is starring as Joe Gillis in *Sunset Boulevard* at London's Adelphi Theatre, but the couple are reunited. She dismisses the split as a "hiccup" and won't comment further.

But she mentions an earlier love affair in her twenties. "I had love taken away from me. I don't think you can play someone with a broken heart unless you have."

And being a mother has affected every part of her. "Motherhood adds another layer of vulnerability. You sit and watch the news and just cry."

Acting dovetails well with motherhood. "If I'm acting in the evening, then I can spend the day with the children. I'm grateful I've never had to choose between them because of a nine-to-five job." She lives in a four-bedroom Victorian terrace house in southwest London with her cats, Prue and Squalor.

She is the daughter of the actor Philip Bond, who found fame as the shipowner Albert Fraser in the 1970s television series *The Onedin Line*, and Pat Sandys, an actress-turned-producer who works on *The Bill*. Her brother, Matthew, is the *Times* television critic.

With her newfound worldwide success, surely she is awaiting the call from Hollywood? "I don't have any great delusions about that," she says. "I am very happy here. I feel more comfortable with theatre because you are more in control of the final object. There isn't any editing."

Filming Moneypenny has left her pleasantly stirred, it seems, but not shaken.

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Why low taxes bring prosperity

Terence Kealey says history favours laisser faire nations

While everyone was watching the Princess of Wales on Monday, the Prime Minister was making a much more substantial pronouncement in his Guildhall speech. Mr Major has finally realised that the two richest industrial countries in the world, on a *per capita* basis, are Switzerland and Japan, and that they are the least taxed of industrialised nations. Their people pay only 32-35 per cent of their national income in taxes, compared to our 42 per cent.

Ever since the Industrial Revolution, the richest countries in the world have been the most *laisser faire*. Britain's economic dominance between 1780 and 1890, America's between 1890 and 1970, and Switzerland and Japan's now have all coincided with a position at the bottom of the international tax league. Among more *dirigiste* nations, the same tendencies apply: Germany has generally been richer than France, and less taxed.

The mechanism by which low taxes breed wealth is clear. In the long term, economic growth depends almost exclusively on research and development. In the short term — which determines elections — economic growth is dominated by transient phenomena such as the details of exchange rates, interest rates or unemployment. But in the long term, economic growth is effectively synonymous with technology.

> After a tax-and-spend binge, Major sees the light

The Agricultural Revolution brought new technology and new practices into the fields. As farmers became more efficient, so labour was spared for the factories of the Industrial Revolution. At the time, some deplored the migration of labour, claiming that if the bulk of workers produced things instead of food, the people would starve. Now that less than 5 per cent of the workforce is agricultural, yet more food than ever is produced, we can discount those fears.

As the factories of the Industrial Revolution in their turn became more efficient, so they spared labour for the service industries. Seventy per cent of the economy is now classified under services, and on current trends it will not be long before only 10 per cent of the workforce is in manufacture. Pundits today bemoan this, claiming that only widgets are "real" wealth. But thanks to robots and other innovations, these 10 per cent will produce widget mountains, just as farmers now produce food mountains. Medicine, education, policing and the arts are all service industries. It is services we largely want — manufacture is but a means to that end.

The introduction of new technology, to spare labour for service, depends on research and development. So it is no coincidence that the two countries that spend the most on civil R & D are Switzerland and Japan, which devote nearly 3 per cent of the national income to it, whereas Britain and America lag behind at around 2 per cent. Yet the Swiss and Japanese Governments are the least generous funders of civil research and development in the industrialised world. In those countries, government money accounts for only around 20 per cent of such programmes, whereas the British and American Governments fund around half of their nation programmes. It appears, then, that government funding of civil R&D simply displaces industry's own funding.

So *laisser faire* policies promote economic growth, whereas taxes erode it. In the free market, companies compete to spend more on research to outflank competitors with new products. But if those companies or their customers are taxed, they can no longer afford such programmes.

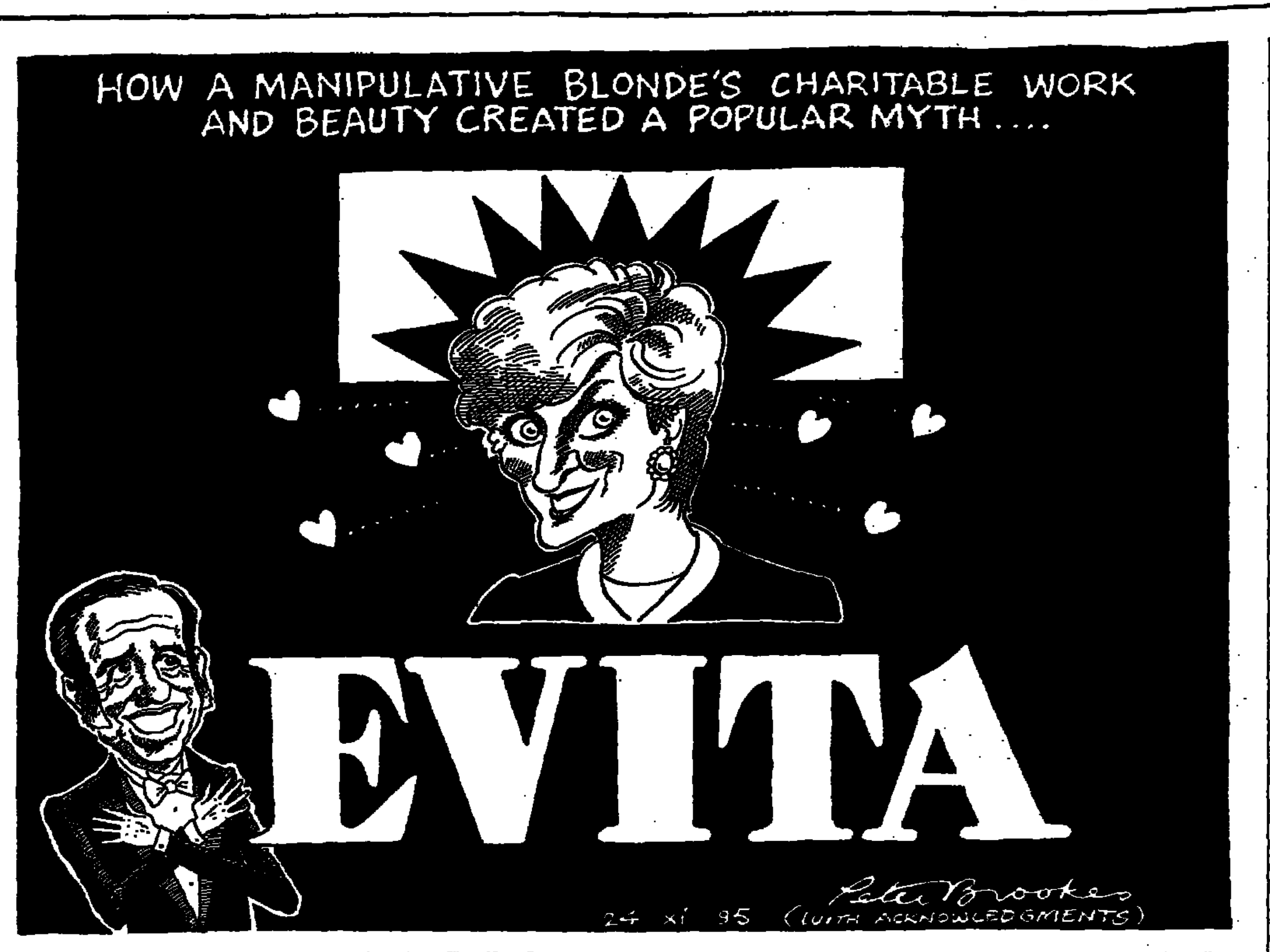
Dirigiste governments have tried to compensate by funding civil research out of taxes. But these days electorates will rarely tolerate total tax burdens which exceed 40 per cent of national income, and since most high-tax governments are committed to funding comprehensive health, education, welfare, transport, defence and a myriad of other services, governments have to ration money for research. Furthermore, governments typically do the wrong sort of research.

The rationing and misdirection would not matter if individual companies could simply top up the national research budget with their own in-house laboratories, and many big organisations do just that. But for small and medium-sized companies — the ones that drive the economy — the costs of building and staffing laboratories are relatively high, and under the burden of high taxes they simply cannot be afforded. So the nation suffers.

Similar economics apply throughout the service industries. Take the case of healthcare. Where there is a stark division between private and public provision, as in Britain, total national expenditure tends to be low, but where the private and the public systems are harmonised (as in Germany, for example), expenditure is high, because individuals find it easy to top up the State's provision with private insurance.

After a five-year tax-and-spend binge, Mr Major has awoken to the realities of long-term growth, and aspires to cut taxes. As a populist, he will find it hard, because cuts in services are always painful. But the management of change, and looking after its victims, are the central social services of modern government. Effective governments facilitate retraining for new jobs in services and advancing technology. Ineffective ones, such as those at the heart of high-tax Europe, try to create an entire economy in the image of the common agricultural policy.

Happily, Tony Blair has begun to glimpse the need for tax cuts to prepare for the 21st century, and Mr Major too is now rushing in with his pledges — a classic example of the benefits of competition.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Red in tooth and claw

John Aspinall has taken the idea of making friends with the animals much too far at his zoos

Bernard Levin

I first encountered Mr John Aspinall some years ago when he was running a gambling house — a very smart and elegant gambling house abutting on Berkeley Square — where the champagne flowed like Niagara. I have a faint memory that he was always getting entangled with the then laws of gambling, and always coming out successful. From time to time I dropped in and lost a few bawbees; I was never a serious gambler, thank heaven, but the ambience was so pleasant and absurd — it amounted, of course, to foolish people truly believing they could win millions — that I could while away an hour or two sketching out in my mind the novel about gambling that I would one day write. Aspinall made a fortune from his gamblers, but to give him his due, he was a very successful businessman even without them.

I don't know how much attention Aspinall now gives to the cries of *faites vos jeux*, but few, in the old days, would have guessed what he would turn to. For Aspinall, with or without the whirr of the roulette-wheel, has long ago turned to the growls and roars of great animals; his transmogrification was manifestly no joke, nor was it something to take up on Friday and drop, all passion spent, on Sunday. He established Howletts Zoo in 1958, and from then on, almost half a lifetime, he has taken the role of zoo-keeper, and taken it so passionately that it is no metaphor but the literal truth that he has come to love animals more than human beings. (He said some time ago that half of his best friends were wild animals.)

Now Aspinall, in his other life, is not a lunatic. A man who sets up zoos and includes the most fierce and dangerous animals in the world is not playing Pooh-sticks. All care had to be taken, and of course it was. But Aspinall has his theories about the rearing and keeping of animals, especially the great cats, and Aspinall's theories are in the limelight today, not least because a year ago one of the keepers at Howletts Zoo was mauled to death by a tiger. A tragedy indeed; but when I say that this is the third such death caused by the great tigers, it is surely time to examine not the tigers but Aspinall's theory.

Aspinall's theory says that wild animals should keep their wildness (he has recently started to send orphan gorillas back to the jungle), and to make sure that they do he "fed them only every four or five days to mirror their wild state". Now I am entirely ignorant in the behaviour of wild animals, or indeed caterpillars, but even I can understand that if you take a jungle tiger weighing five hundred pounds, and feed it only every four or five days, the tiger is likely to eat anything in sight which it believes edible, including mice, stray dogs, visitors, the railings and, *in extremis*, Mr Aspinall.

Mr Aspinall is great on bonding, that is "people should bond with the animals soon after birth, developing a relationship of trust and affection". (In case some of you have got the wrong end of the stick, I should make clear that it is the animals that should be doing the bonding soon after *their* birth.) But there is no suggestion that Mr Aspinall is ordering his staff to go into the tigers' compound; on the contrary, the keepers are plainly the most fervid tiger companions, and the head keeper, after saying that there is "an inherent risk in handling a tiger" (well, yes), says that it is "a desirability that they remain wild and keep the instinct and ability to kill".

Apart from me, whom or what are they thinking of, when they say that the tigers should keep the ability to kill? If you say that without killing power the great beasts would pine and become milksops, you must answer this question: why did you bring these noble but savage animals halfway round the world in the first place for people to gawk at?

Mr Aspinall and his colleagues argue powerfully against the more usual means of taming a tiger, such as electric prods and meat given or withheld. Even I shudder at that, and so should anyone who has any feeling. But that only multiplies my questions. Recently, there has been a swell against zoos, any kind of zoos; perhaps it is time to abolish the whole business. But assuredly, if we did, we would have lost something precious. It is not only that children go wide-eyed when such amazing creatures as the rhinoceros, the alligator, the kangaroo and indeed the parrot come into view; it is we, the grown-ups, who are reminded of the almost incredible variety of living things in our multitudinous world.

Yes, but Aspinall does go rather far. To bond with a tiger on short commons must be a wonderful experience — if, that is, the tiger doesn't get you first. In Howletts Zoo, three men have died at the claws of a tiger; they were seasoned experts and Aspinall had taken every precaution (including of course going into the tiger's lair himself), but there is an obvious hole in the certainty. Aspinall, his team, you, me, the man who caught the tiger in the first place, any passer-by — anyone can see the great mistake: nobody, *nobody* can see into the mind of a tiger.

> Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
> In the forests of the night,
> What immortal hand or eye
> Could frame thy fearful symmetry?
>
> And what shoulder, and what art,
> Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
> And when thy heart began to beat,
> What dread hand? and what dread feet?

If you won't take it from Blake, then take it from Professor Paul Bateson of Cambridge University's zoology department, who says rather sensibly that "... a tiger could behave like an overgrown kitten one minute and a highly motivated hunter the next, and it is sentimental and naïve to think that closer relationships between keepers and big cats would always be friendly".

But whether the tiger is friendly or hostile, Aspinall gives more to the enemy every time he opens his mouth, *viz.*, "Captive animals should be treated as honoured guests." And he makes it even worse still, by saying, yes, the honoured guests are dangerous, ". . . but it is also dangerous to cross the road".

When shall we — that is, the British people — see animals straight? Do you remember the gigantic uproar, a year or two ago, when a very splendid cow (I think it was a cow) which had won prizes for its size and magnificence was going to be slaughtered? No matter that a hundred cows are slaughtered every week or so without anyone screaming the place down or even noticing, the nation rose as one, demanding the head of any farmer who would touch a hair of the by-now sanctified beast. Did those who demanded blunderbusses, debates in Parliament, boycotts, masked avengers — did they pause to think how much veal they had consumed in the previous few months? Nay, a much more terrible thought comes unbidden: were there some among the save-the-cow contingent who didn't know where their milk comes from?

Well, Aspinall knows where his tigers come from, and it is quite clear that every one of Aspinall's colleagues is willing to put his head into the tiger's mouth. Moreover, this particular argument would be trivial were it not for the danger. For the battle is between Aspinall and all his colleagues on the one hand, and the law on the other (there must be a funny side if the Health and Safety at Work Act has got into the business). The argument goes on while the tigers prowl about their demesnes, but the law says that the keepers may not go into those demesnes *with the beasts*.

Don't bother to whistle; these amazing people (Aspinall the most amazing) are going to sit down and weep if they are not allowed to go into a tiger's den with the tigers. This is not just bravura; it is their profound but wrong belief that tigers and human beings truly can cohabit. Yet I have to say that there is some mighty evidence on Aspinall's side.

> The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Philip Howard

■ The West case has none of the intrigue of an old-fashioned 'domestic'

The ordinariness of Rose West's face on the front pages shocks. This dumpy, bespectacled woman peers out at us as competently as a nanny or a school matron, yet she assisted in a torture chamber that would have given Gilles de Rais nightmares.

Her ghastly trial marked the end of any thought of the English murder as a popular art form. From the Moors murders and Dennis Nilsen to the Yorkshire Ripper and the Wests, post-modernist murder inspires more disgust, despair and boredom than pity and terror.

In his essay *Decline of the English Murder*, George Orwell argued persuasively that after a Sunday lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, an Englishman's native pleasure was to put his feet up on the sofa, light his pipe and read the details of the latest classic English murder. To fit his criteria, the participants needed to be middle-class and suburban, like the reader, with illicit passion boiling behind the lace curtains. The house should be semi-detached if not terraced, so that the neighbours could hear suspicious noises from next door. The murderer should be a little man of the professional class, an accountant or a solicitor, say.

The motive was respectability and the need to preserve it. The wife was usually murdered so that the husband could set up with his fancy woman, and the method was usually poison. The murder should have been long planned, so that the reader could feel pity as well as horror. Orwell argued that the English murder was the product of a stable society, where the all-prevailing hypocrisy did at least ensure that crimes as serious as murder should have strong emotions behind them.

This century we have supped so full of horrors, mass murders and serial slaughter that murder has lost its unique solemnity. Orwell put the golden age of English murder at 1850 to 1925. Dr Palmer of Rugely, Neill Cream, Mrs Maybrick, Dr Crippen, Seddon, Armstrong, Bywaters and Thompson. Their names sound a knell as awesome as the prison clock striking eight for execution.

Framed at Wapping we have the classic front page of the *News of the World* of 1910 reporting the arrest of Dr Crippen across the Atlantic by means of Mr Marconi's new invention, his terror and Miss Le Neve's misery, and "the hunted man with revolver in readiness". Orwell might have put his starting date back 20 years, to *The Times*'s reporting of the mysterious death of Lord Graves, found with his throat cut. Rival papers attacked *The Times* for being sensational and causing unnecessary pain. Our defence of "thundering out" against cover-ups of scandals in high society was meant as a gibe, but caught on as a proud nickname for the Thunderer.

The popularity of the English murder worked concomitantly with the rise of English detective fiction, with the suspense, the dénouement and unmasking in the library. And only Agatha Christie was ever unsporting enough to make the murderer a butler, window-cleaner or other such character from outside the usual middle-class suspects. P.D. James was referring to this (and so annoyed her neo-brutalist and class-warrior colleagues) when she wrote that middle-class murder, with its repressed emotion and inhibitions, is more interesting than the casual horrors of low-life slaughter.

Jack the Ripper was the exception that helped to define the classical English murder, and foreshadowed the post-modernist murder. For the three months that the Ripper terrorised Whitechapel, *The Times* spared no gruesome detail and published a leading article each week. One took the literary approach: "The mind travels back to De Quincey for an equal display of scientific delight in the details of butchery; or Edgar Allan Poe's *Murders in the Rue Morgue* recur in the endeavour to conjure up some parallel for this murderer's brutish savagery." But the Ripper was never caught or identified, so he can still cast his long shadow as evil personified, not madness unmasked.

The welcome freedom of modern life has made evil wanton and random, and has made murder not only disgusting (it always was) but trite.

Space invaders

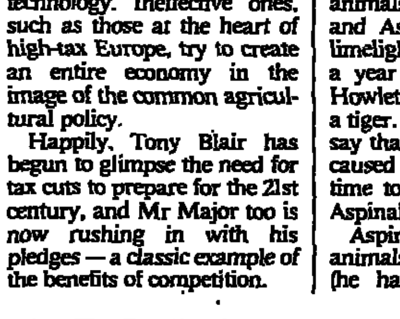
RESIDENTS OF one of the most elegant areas of London are digging in against foreign invaders. They claim that an explosion of embassies is in danger of destroying the neighbourhood.

Resistance to the influx of diplomats, which follows the mushrooming of countries in Eastern Europe, is led by a man who knows his ground: Sir Ronald Arculus, our former Ambassador in Italy. His struggle focuses on Kensington Court Gardens, where planning permission has just been granted for the Embassy of Belorussia, despite fierce opposition.

"It's the seventh embassy in what is only a tiny court," says Arculus. "We decided enough was enough and just said — stop!" Residents are appalled at the disruption caused by diplomatic parking spaces, traffic congestion, queues for visas and the prospect of demonstrations by aggrieved parties. After Arculus bashed the ears of old chums at the Foreign Office, civil servants met the council in their own diplomatic effort. The FO and the council have agreed to steer new embassies away from the overcrowded districts of the Royal Borough.

They would be wise to do so. "It is more or less understood that we would resist the next one by lying down in the street or something," threatens Arculus.

● *As the Prince of Wales sat on the edge of his seat through the première of* Goldeneye, *Camilla Parker Bowles was at the West End performance of Albee's* Three Tall Women. *She didn't even flicker when one of the women intoned: "Prince Charming has the morals of a sewer rat."*



"I'm still trying to adjust to a new 007"

Clashing dates

IN AN ATTEMPT to encourage fraternal relations between the Labour Party and their opposite numbers in the European Parliament, an invitation was sent to all MEPs asking them to attend an open day at John Smith House.

But as soon as the invitations started arriving, Euro-parliamentarians discovered that the date in question, December 12, falls during a Strasbourg week when the parliament is sitting — so they can't attend.

Bills to pay

TIMES ARE hard at Blenheim Palace. Not only has the Duchess of Marlborough started flogging her own pictures in a London art gallery for petty cash, but the Duke is to try a new corporate hospitality venture. He has opened a banqueting hall, the Orangery, for weddings and conference dinners.

The hall was originally designed by Vanbrugh as a picture gallery and theatre. "Blenheim is part of the national heritage, with very heavy maintenance bills and we are always looking for ways to increase income to pay our bills," says the Duke down his nose.

My God squad

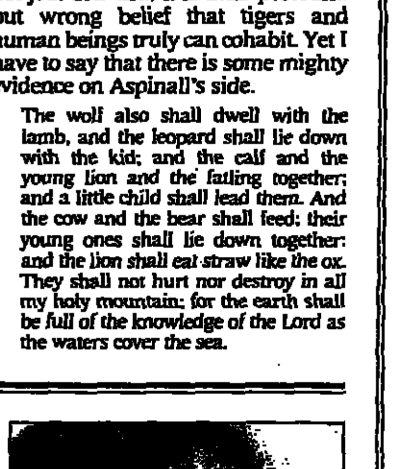
A FORMER Anglican novice has been offered the job of Editor of the *Daily Express*. Richard Addis, 39, a boyish executive on the *Daily Mail* who spent his first two terms at Cambridge in a habit, spent last night considering his position.

Addis's style is idiosyncratic. As deputy editor of the *Evening Standard's* diary, he encouraged his colleagues to answer the phone in Latin — a technique unlikely to go down well with the grubbers on the *Express*. Yesterday Sir David English, who is Editor-in-Chief at the Mail group, was exhorting Addis to stay. Odds are that he won't, and rumours last night said that he may be joined at the ailing *Sunday Express* by a new Editor, Sue Douglas of *The Sunday Times*.

● *Those planning to fill their faces at Christmas should go easy on the stuffing. Research in Newcastle suggests that sage contains a poison called thujone, which can cause epilepsy, convulsions and damage to the liver.*

Ladies' man

STEPHEN HAWKING, the wheelchair-bound physicist, reveals in the current issue of *Cam*, the Cambridge University magazine, that his idol is Marilyn Monroe: "You could say she was a model of the universe." His anti-heroine is Baroness Thatcher, and one of his regrets in life, he says, is that he hasn't yet managed to run over her toes with his wheelchair.



Mind my toes!

Showdown

AN ACTOR in south London has gone down with a touch of the Stephen Frys. Jonathan Kydd, the lead actor in *Peepshow*, a play set in the 1950s in Switzerland, suffered an artistic crisis and walked out of the show on Tuesday just before the first night, which had to be cancelled. The role required him to play the guitar and to yodel lustily. Apparently he doesn't feel ready.

The entire cast trooped off to Kydd's house yesterday to bring him back, but to no avail. "We need a guitar-playing, yodelling actor who fits Jonathan's *Lederhosen*," says the colleague.

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SELECT STATUS

Yes to a schools experiment: no to nationalisation

In an interview with *The Times* today to mark our Schools Week, Gillian Shephard announces new measures to enable grant-maintained schools to choose a proportion of their pupils by ability. It is already open to schools which have left town hall control to select a small share of their pupils. In the interests of educational excellence, this proportion will now be raised to 15 per cent. To champions of the old-fashioned grammar schools this will seem a timid reform; to advocates of the comprehensive system it may seem like an attempt to revive the 11-plus by the back door. In fact, it is neither.

Allowing a school to become partially selective is not the same as turning it into a grammar school. Grant-maintained schools have long been free to apply to the education department for a "change of character" and become fully selective. Mrs Shephard is rightly determined to give such applications "a fair wind". But her main proposal is quite different. When opted-out schools are able to select 15 per cent of their intake without permission from Whitehall, the effect upon school communities of partial selection will be more subtle than might at first be supposed.

The principal objection levelled against the old selective system was that it was socially divisive. Yet the same charge could be brought against the comprehensive system which replaced it. In practice, selection by academic test gave way to selection by property price. Good schools in middle-class areas can pick and choose; bad schools in the inner cities cannot. What has always been needed is an incentive to keep the best and brightest pupils in schools where educational expectations are not traditionally high.

Partial selection is no panacea, but it is a start. If a school can select a fast stream every year, it can also hope to attract better teachers who will be drawn by the challenge of preparing youngsters for university as well as simply keeping them off the streets. Any school that dares to be selective will interest parents — and not only those who live near by. Mrs Shephard's proposals are to be welcomed for the simple reason that they offer greater freedom to schools. It will now be possible for a struggling local authority comprehensive to achieve grant-maintained status, develop an appealing subject specialisation and select a proportion of its pupils from as far afield as it wishes. There is no guarantee that such measures will work. The point is that they might.

The Government is right to renew its aggressive promotion of opting out. In this year's league tables, grant-maintained schools have performed 6 per cent better than their local authority counterparts. Ministers may be tempted by this impressive margin to revive their old blueprint to abolish the parental ballot by which schools leave local authority control and to impose grant-maintained status on them all at a stroke. The current examination of a national funding formula suggests that a dramatic measure of this kind is not far from their thoughts.

To choose this path would be a grave error. Opting out would be meaningless if it ceased to be an option. The appeal of grant-maintained status is that parents choose it. Their choice encourages schools to specialise, promoting the diversity of provision which the Government believes in. Mrs Shephard's latest proposal for partial selection should enrich the educational tapestry. She should not confuse her message by supporting the nationalisation of schools.

BOSNIA, OHIO

Hold the peace: hang on to the lessons of war

After the bleak drama of Dayton, Ohio, there is alread a sense of *déjà vu* about the succession of conferences on Bosnia in milder European capitals over the next few weeks. Eyes will be fixed instead on the battle in Washington over the deployment of American troops, without which the Europeans are — rightly — adamant that the Nato implementation force will not happen. To the barely concealed irritation of the French, the formal signing ceremony in Paris will be America's show.

This flurry of meetings, however, is intended to have a psychological impact. One important lesson of previous Bosnian deals, no sooner sealed than scrapped, has been learnt: peace on paper must rapidly be seen to develop into peace in action. There must be no vacuum in which diplomacy can be undone by the creation of new "facts on the ground". Immediately after Paris, there will be a more substantial two-day conference in London to tie up operational details; then another in Bonn on regional arms control and a pledging session in Brussels to provide funds for postwar reconstruction. The aim is to impress on the most hardline of the Bosnian Serbs that a point of no return has been reached, at the negotiating table and on the battlefield.

Back in Washington, President Clinton's task is to drive home two other Balkan lessons. The first is that however much the Dayton deal owes to the domineering energy of Richard Holbrooke, the American negotiator, its chief chance came from the effective application of Nato airpower, coupled with the related Croat and Bosnian military successes on the ground. The Bosnian Serbs were forced into political compromise. Nato's Operation Deliberate Force cost them much of their military advantage in communications, ammunition and heavy weaponry just when they were being forced out of around 20 per cent of the land they had overrun. As we have long argued, this was a war that could be halted only when mediation was backed by effective firepower.

The second lesson for Congress is that despite all Mr Clinton's havering over the past three years, America, and only America, carries the weight to see this difficult peace into being. Congressmen who claim that the Europeans can be left to enforce this deal are being disingenuous. Without American troops in the Nato force, Bosnian Serbs with nothing to lose will set out to sabotage it by refusing, for example, to make the substantial retreat from the Sarajevo area required of them under the peace plan. They will, on past experience, gamble that the Europeans lose their nerve.

Sarajevo's undivided status is the key, not least because the Bosnian Serb centre of power will now shift from Pale to Banja Luka, the northern city whose mayor has already come out in support of the deal. The UN's prompt suspension of most sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro gives Mr Milosevic — whose only interest is hanging onto power in Belgrade — every incentive to make this peace hold. He has economic and military levers of his own; but they will not suffice if Nato is not visibly on the move.

There is a strong probability of a Bosnian Serb grenade or two before Congress votes. It would take only a couple of mortars, a car bomb, some UN peacekeepers taken hostage or killed to put Congress in mind of Lebanon. Mr Holbrooke was unwise to say that if the agreement is violated before Nato deploys, "we're not going to go": he almost invites such action. It would be a tragedy were Serb efforts at intimidation to sway the vote against the Clinton Administration. Had the West been much more decisive, much earlier, this would not be such an unsatisfactory peace. All the more reason to be resolute in the difficult job ahead.

LIFT THE BAN

Ireland should vote for change on divorce

Irish voters go to the polls today in a referendum that is one of the most momentous in the Republic's history. They are to decide whether the 70-year old ban on divorce should be lifted, bringing Ireland into line with all other European Union states where divorce is legal. This contentious issue is seen as a vital indicator of the influence and political power of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland and the most significant indication of the Republic's readiness to become a fully secular state.

Changing the divorce laws has been a political minefield for Dublin since 1986, when the Government first tabled a constitutional amendment. That proposal and the manner of its introduction were so insensitive, however, that it provoked a storm of opposition even among younger, less religious men and women, and led to a rejection of the amendment by a 2-1 majority. Since then, successive Governments have sensibly moved more slowly and sure-footedly. Their aim has been to bring Ireland into line with modern Western practice without inflaming religious sensibilities or appearing to hark back to old anti-clerical campaigns. Lawyers, social workers, secularists and the leaders of all the main political parties point to more than 80,000 separated couples in Ireland, the need to provide for their children and the hypocrisy of a law that in itself has down little to prevent the breakdown of marriages.

Opponents of divorce appeal to tradition, faith, fears about the decay of family values and the social dislocation that divorce would cause, especially in large, rural families.

The Government's tactic for the past ten years has been to win over the opponents of divorce by enacting a raft of family legislation that deals with many of the contentious and emotional consequences of divorce. Altogether some 18 different laws are now on the statute book, dealing with the status of children — removing any legal discrimination against illegitimate offspring — adoption, rape, childcare, maintenance, social welfare, family law, civil legal aid and domestic violence. The thrust of these Bills has been to recognise modern family law and welfare practices and remove lingering stigma and taboo from a swath of Irish life that has blighted so many families.

At the same time, almost unnoticed, Ireland has introduced other measures that would once have been denounced from every pulpit in the country. Homosexuality is no longer illegal, and the age of consent is equal for both men and women — unlike Britain. Sex education has begun in schools. The ban on contraception has been eased. Abortion is still illegal, but the law now recognises a few specific exceptions. Quietly and steadily, Ireland is moving away from the Orange caricature of a country governed from Rome. Today's vote may consolidate that move.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Payment in line with performance

From the Chief Executive of the Industrial Society

Sir, Concern at the levels of executive pay will be reawakened by the sudden departure from the Cable & Wireless boardroom of Lord Young of Graffham and James Ross. Public disquiet is bound to be provoked by the size of the settlement packages being discussed.

Such payment seems an odd reward for people who have apparently been asked to resign because between them they "could no longer manage the company effectively" (report, November 22). However large the incentives at the top of C&W, strategic relationships, key to achieving the desired results, have broken down. If Cadbury and Greenbury have taught us anything, it is that the demarcation of the roles of chief executive and chairman must be clear, and that remuneration levels must reflect the quality of performance.

The latest survey on executive pay, carried out by the Monks Partnership (report, November 3) showed that directors have enjoyed pay rises of 8.8 per cent in 1995, while the general workforce has received rises of only 3.25 per cent. "Business leaders" are no leaders unless they set a respected example. They are public figures by virtue of their position. Their reward must be seen to reflect both risk and performance.

Everyone needs incentives to perform well at work, not just those at the top. A perceived "them and us" approach to pay does nothing to boost incentives. The rewards for excellent performance should be available to people outside as well as inside the boardroom.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MORGAN,
Chief Executive,
The Industrial Society,
48 Bryanston Square, W1.
November 23.

EC numbers game

From Mr Christopher Booker

Sir, Reluctant though I am to qualify in any way Bernard Levin's hugely flattering reference (article, November 17) may I just correct a figure he attributes to me for the number of "ukases" emerging from Brussels? When he quotes me as giving the figure 10,000, this in fact related to the number of regulations or statutory instruments issued by the British Government in the past three years.

It is hard to give a precise figure for the quantity of legislation produced by Brussels, since the best available source, the *Directory of Community Legislation Currently in Force*, is so inadequately indexed. But when I last counted, the total number of directives, regulations and decisions issued by the EC up to the end of 1993 was more than 20,000.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOOKER,
The Old Rectory, Litton, Bath, Avon.

Eating disorders

From Professor Emeritus Ivor Mills

Sir, Listening to Princess Diana's interview raised two thoughts in my mind: firstly, it was a tragedy she felt that she had to give the interview and secondly, here surely was the unfolding story of a failure of my own (medical) profession.

Post-natal depression is no disgrace but had the Princess been treated with an appropriate antidepressant, she could have been helped out of her depression and also to cope with her "duties" which, as a perfectionist, she took seriously.

Then she might not have gone on to an eating disorder which we have shown is a compulsive behaviour disease. The work of Dr D. T. Fullerton has shown that bingeing on carbohydrate leads, as high levels of glucose are attained, to a sharp rise in the level of endorphin in the blood. This "endogenous morphine" then has a sedative effect when the patient is under what is felt to be intense pressure.

Bingeing and vomiting is seen by the outsider as a disgusting habit and does nothing to raise the patient's self-esteem.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR H. MILLS,
University of Cambridge Clinical School,
Department of Surgery,
Douglas House,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Trumpington Road, Cambridge.
November 21.

Cautious reaction to Queen's Speech

From Mr Alasdair Mackenzie

Sir, The Government seeks to justify tighter controls on asylum-seekers, including the withdrawal of state benefits (Queen's Speech reports, November 16). It says that only 4 per cent of those claiming to fear persecution are found to be "genuine" (report, October 20). This figure grossly misrepresents the truth.

We who work with refugees find that asylum claims are all too often rejected for spurious reasons. The distress and confusion of torture victims are regularly seen by immigration officials as mendacity; they are accused of fabrication or told that their scars "may have been caused accidentally".

Reasons given for rejecting claims often border on the absurd, as with a Bosnian Croat client of mine, who fled Sarajevo after receiving death threats only to be turned away by the Home Office on the ground that "none of these threats were carried out". A family fleeing Ethiopia was assured that political prisoners in that country are kept in "comfortable cells".

Now, to add injury to insult, the victims of such transparent miscarriages of justice are to have even the most basic means of subsistence denied them. Is our proud hospitality to refugees now to be limited to a cardboard box and the scrapings from a dustbin?

Yours faithfully,
A. H. MACKENZIE
(Co-ordinator),
Asylum Aid,
244a Upper Street, Islington, N1.
November 16.

From the Shadow Minister for Housing and Construction

Sir, Your editorial today on the Queen's Speech states that Labour will probably support much of the housing Bill. This is not accurate.

There are indeed elements likely to be included which we will support, such as the voluntary-purchase grant for tenants of charitable housing associations, the extension of housing advisory services and the separate constitution of the housing-association tenants' ombudsman as an independent body.

However, we strongly oppose the main thrust of the Bill, in particular the weakening of statutory safeguards for the homeless, the move towards privatisation of social-housing provision, and the dismantling of the mandatory home-renovation grant framework.

We also deplore the Government's failure to use the Bill to tackle some of the country's most pressing housing problems, such as the crisis in the home-ownership market, the need for more rented homes financed by the release of local authority capital receipts and new safeguards for leaseholders and tenants in multi-occupied houses.

For all these reasons, Labour will be strenuously opposing the forthcoming Bill.

Yours sincerely,
NICK RAYNSFORD
(Shadow Minister for Housing and Construction),
House of Commons.
November 16.

From Mr James Goudie, QC

Sir, The Government's proposals for a statutory scheme for the disclosure of evidence in criminal trials, unveiled in the Queen's Speech, contain flaws which will need to be addressed if the scheme is not to prejudice the innocent and risk an increase in miscarriages of justice.

Both the Bar Council and the Law Society accept the case for sensible reform of the rules of disclosure. However, we believe that the legislation proposed offers a dangerous temptation to the prosecution to withhold information which might prove the innocence of a defendant.

The Bar Council has recommended that the statutory system of disclosure should offer the safeguard of a legal requirement on the prosecution to provide a signed schedule of material, and that attempting to withhold information from that schedule should constitute a serious breach of criminal procedure. In addition, we have proposed that both prosecution and defence should clarify and define key issues in advance of trial, in order to reduce the time and expense devoted to disclosure.

In recent years we have witnessed a series of high-profile miscarriages of justice; the Government would do well to think very carefully before pressing ahead with proposals without appropriate safeguards.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES GOUDIE
(Chairman,
Bar Council Law Reform Committee),
The General Council of the Bar,
3 Bedford Row, WC1.
November 15.

Lincoln discord

From Mr Arthur L. Bird

Sir, Since the acrimonious meeting of Lincoln Cathedral staff on November 16 (report, November 18) statements have been made affecting the community which are wide of the mark. The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Reverend Robert Hardy, has been reported locally as saying that "the cathedral is deeply unhappy and deeply divided".

With great respect to the Bishop, who himself deserves support in this difficult problem on his doorstep, he is less well informed than those who are in the cathedral every week and almost daily. The fact is that the community, including others who volunteer their services, go about their tasks and their general participation in and support of the life and worship of the cathedral, with loyalty and enthusiasm. The flock set a standard which their shepherds would do well to follow.

At the conclusion of a consistory court in July we all hoped for a measure of peace and stability. Unfortunately there is now a fresh outbreak of discord, and one can only speculate as to why and how.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR L. BIRD
(Chairman, Lincoln Cathedral Community Association),
14 Greetwell Lane,
Nettleham, Lincoln.
November 21.

From Mrs Sally Overton

Sir, The statement in your report of November 18 that "within a year of [the Dean of Lincoln's] appointment he was reprimanded by the bishop after an investigation into a loss-making trip . . ." could give the impression that the Dean, the Very Reverend Dr Brandon Jackson, was in some way responsible for the enormous loss made when the sub-dean, Canon Rex Davis, took the Lincoln copy of Magna Carta to Australia in 1988.

I would like to point out that Dr Jackson did not arrive in Lincoln until May 1989.

Yours faithfully,
SALLY OVERTON,
The Vicarage,
Leigh, nr Tonbridge, Kent.
November 19.

Balkan danger

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, *The Times* reports (November 23) that the Dayton, Ohio, agreement decided that the international embargo on arms sales to former Yugoslavia will be lifted within six months.

It is almost unbelievable that the important move to end the war should be vitiated in this way by supplying the three parties involved with the weapons they need to recommence the fighting. It is an encouragement to them to do so, especially when the old hatreds still exist and will take time to overcome.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(President,
Labour Action for Peace),
11 Eastleigh Road,
Manchester 25.
November 23.

Trapped by nature

From Mr M. R. Madigan

Sir, Derwent May ("Trapped by nature's fickle hand", Weekend, November 18) tells of a goldcrest and a swallow caught in the hooked seeds of burdock plants, and of two goldcrests trapped in spider's webs.

Last spring I noticed a small bird flapping wildly on the trunk of a horse chestnut tree. Closer inspection revealed a blue tit glued fast by its wingtip to a "sticky bud" at the end of a twig growing from the hole.

After carefully releasing it, and while inspecting its wing for damage, I was rewarded by a sharp peck on the thumb and a safe dash to freedom.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MADIGAN,
Greenacre, Pine Grove,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
November 19.

Council's rejoinder

From the Leader and the Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council

Sir, This is a council which, with an overwhelming lack of resources, is trying to combat and resolve huge social problems. To get the bulk of our members and senior officers, with no attendance allowances, extra pay, or time off in lieu, to spend a small fraction of our annual budget on a special weekend, planning a whole range of future policy (report, "Beleaguered councillors spend £7,000 on summit", November 20), is a matter for praise, not blame.

You quote selectively from a memorandum by the chief executive. It is not surprising that it should take time for a borough to be completely reorganised after the experiment with the Liberal "neighbourhood" system and it is that which called forth the memo.

Tower Hamlets has fine and fully committed councillors and staff, as demonstrated in the amount of their free time given up to address important issues. The purpose of the weekend was not to improve the council's image as you stated: it was to consider a set of proposals that will create a two-year action plan to greatly improve council services, something that will be of benefit to every resident of the borough.

Of course, we could have spent months discussing this in individual meetings, working parties, subcommittees etc, which would have cost much more than the bill for the weekend. The alternative would have been to hire management consultants at many tens of thousands of pounds. We consider the approach we adopted a far more cost-effective method of managing change.

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS TWOMEY,
Leader,
SYLVIE PIERCE,
Chief Executive,
London Borough of Tower Hamlets,
Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14.
November 20.

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Movement in country life

From Ms Joan Court

Sir, I am grateful for today's double-page advertisement from the Countryside Movement, showing a chicken and egg. It will make a splendid poster for our Animal Rights stall, alongside our own posters showing battery farms and photographs of egg-producing hens, bald, with deformed feet and broken bones crowded in tiny cages, tier above tier in their noisy, smelly sheds.

The commission should not patronise children who, we find, are better informed than most adults about animal welfare and are often fully aware of the massive pollution caused by intensive farming.

Perhaps the movement's next advertisement will show a dairy cow with her calf at her side. If so we will happily display it alongside our own material showing calves in livestock markets, in transport trucks at Brightlingsea and photographs of calves in veal crates in Europe.

In the meantime I will complain to the Advertising Standards Authority that the pretty hen in the advertisement misleads the public. Most hens live their brief lives in hellish conditions and their physical condition reflects their suffering.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN COURT,
74 Sturton Street, Cambridge.
November 20.

From Mr Jason Barbour

Sir, Whatever one's personal views on country sports ("Is this the way to save the countryside?", Magnus Linklater, November 17), one cannot escape the fact that they play a significant part in creating the beauty and diversity of our countryside today.

Woods and hedgerows planted and maintained primarily for game also provide ideal habitat for countless other species of fauna and flora.

To abolish country sports without implementing — and publicly funding — an alternative conservation strategy would be to destroy the countryside as we know it, together with the vast diversity of wildlife that has its home in it.

Yours faithfully,
JASON BARBOUR,
19 Cortayne Road, SW6.
November 19.

From Sir Martin Ewans

Sir, I find it ironic that a group of farmers and landowners should be forming a movement to combat a "sanitised countryside, devoid of life" (report, November 17).

In my youth some 40 years ago, I used to walk in the Devon countryside: I now walk in the Cotswolds. The contrast between then and now is overwhelming. The English countryside has become a place where "no birds sing" — or very few of them. It is not the ramblers and townsfolk who have been responsible for this.

Yours etc,
M. K. EWANS,
24 Crockwell Street,
Long Compton, Warwickshire.
November 17.

From Mr Gerald Funnell

Sir, As one who does neither, I am at a loss to understand why it should be regarded as cruel to go hunting with a gun but not cruel to go hunting with a fishing rod.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD FUNNELL,
6 The Courtyard,
Linton Road, Hastings,
East Sussex.
November 20.

Protection of fungi

From Police Sergeant Clifford Williams

Sir, Mrs Kneif (letter, November 15) wonders why the Government has not devised the same protection for fungi as for wild flowers.

In fact section 4(3) of the Theft Act 1968 protects wild fungi from commercial exploitation by making it an offence for a person to pick mushrooms (including fungus) growing wild on any land for reward or for sale or other commercial purpose.

Restaurant owners could thus be liable for handling stolen goods if they buy wild mushrooms.

Yours faithfully,
C. WILLIAMS,
Basingstoke Police Station,
London Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
November 16.

Loss of face

From Mr Christopher Daniel

Sir, As the designer of the armillary sundial outside the Savoy Hotel I was delighted to read Mr Jonathan Ruffer's letter today concerning Vodafone's chief executive, Sir Gerald Whent, in which he says that it appears to be an outsize medieval chastity belt. This is a great improvement on the view held by the Master of the Welsh Livery Guild that it is a supermarket shopping trolley.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER DANIEL (Warden),
The Honourable Company
of Master Mariners,
HQS Wellington, Temple Stairs,
Victoria Embankment, WC2.
November 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: The Queen, Captain General, received General Sir Martin Farndale (Master Gunner, Royal Artillery).

His Excellency Dr Abdul-Kader Shareef was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the United Republic of Tanzania in London.

Mrs Shareef was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, received Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Philip Seccombe upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, and Lieutenant-Colonel John Lemon upon assuming the appointment.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP, (Lord President), the Earl Ferrers (Minister of State, Department of the Environment), the Rt Hon Virginia Bottomley MP (Secretary of State for National Heritage) and the Rt Hon Timothy Eggar MP (Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry).

Sir Nicholas Phillips and Sir Mathew Thorpe were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Deptford to attend events organised by Africa '95 and were received at Giffin Square by the Chairman, Africa '95 (Sir Michael Caine), the Chief Executive, Deptford City Challenge (Ms Susan Angoy) and the Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor Alan Till).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness watched various theatrical and musical displays performed by school children and local community groups before walking to Douglas Square and viewing market stalls.

Afterwards The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Albany Theatre and Community Centre and watched the Amakhosi workshop performed by children from Lucas Vale Primary School.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Reception in the theatre and were briefed on the Outreach Africa Project, after which The Queen unfurled a commemorative banner marking the link between Deptford City Challenge and South Africa.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, British Sub-Aqua Club, this morning presented the 1994 Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, afterwards presented the British Athletic Federation Awards and World Record Plaques at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man, later presented the Lord's Taverners Trophy at Buckingham Palace.

November 23: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

November 23: The Princess Royal today visited Wiltshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Swindon Carers Centre, 25 Morley Street, Swindon.

The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, later attended a Reception to launch Swindon Partnership at BT Headquarters, North Star House, Swindon.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new extension to Swindon Magistrates Court, Princes Street.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Prospect Hospice, Moormead Road, Wroughton.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, University of London Air Squadron, this evening attended the Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner at 206 Brompton Road, London SW3. Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 23: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, this morning held a report-back meeting on Southern Africa Programmes at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today opened the Rye Memorial Care Centre, Rye, East Sussex.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

Lady Aird was in attendance.

November 23: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Monterrey and was received by the Secretary General of Government for the State of Nuevo Leon (Lic Gustavo Alarcon Martinez) and subsequently opened the new British Trade Offices at CINTERMEX (the International Centre of Monterrey Businesses), Mexico.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited architectural sites in Mexico City.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited the Juconi Street Children Project, Puebla. Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited the Uriarte Talavera Pottery Factory and later visited the Palafox Library, Puebla, Mexico.

YORK HOUSE
November 23: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the British Menswear Guild, this afternoon opened DAKS Hamburg, Neuer Wall, Hamburg, Germany.

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, later attended a British Business Lunch hosted by Her Majesty's Consul-General (Mr Michael Sullivan), Hamburg, Germany.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Royal Concert, the Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 23: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, arrived in London this evening from Paris.

Her Royal Highness was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of the Hon Kenneth Lamb which was held this evening in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Sandford St Martin Trust

Mr Terry Waite, CBE, presented the Sandford St Martin Awards for outstanding religious programmes on television in the past two years at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at Lambeth Palace by kind permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster and Chairman of the Trustees, received the guests. The Chair of the Judges was Sir Denis Forman, OBE.

Luncheon

Board of Deputies of British Jews
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday at the King David Suite. Dr and Mrs Nasser D. Khalili were the hosts. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, president, was in the chair. Mrs Florence Kaufmann, Chairman of the Board's Israel Committee, also spoke. The Ambassador of Israel, the Ambassador of Austria, the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Jakobovits were among the guests.

Michaelmas calls to the Bar

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Lincoln's Inn

S F A Shah, Selly Oak; T J Kim, WC1; R J Bowker, Bracknell; C Patel, SW11; G Okri, SE8; J C Hargan, Londonderry; K O Asare, Croydon; A Marshall, Harrow; T Fitzgibbon, Cardiff; J P Walton, Leatherhead; A M M Reza, Jessore, Bangladesh; J Kirk, SW1; V F G Bontoux, W14; C L Ling Li-Tien, Singapore; C Tan Keng Loon, Singapore; M R H Harraj, Multan, Pakistan; P L Vengadasalam, Kuala Lumpur; S Mubarak, Kuala Lumpur; M A Rana, Crawley; M Suppayan, Singapore; R M Karmy-Jones, N10; L A Pool, Mahe, Seychelles; E C Campbell, Woking-ham; P R Molloy, Liverpool; D Bowen, Kew; G J Ferguson, Glasgow; L Hadjipetrou, Nicosia; S Ahya, Coventry; S L Salzedo, Edgware; S M Forsey, Tavistock; D M Swinnerton, Walsall; Wong Kah Hui, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia; D I Kelso, Stratford on Avon; I M Mitchell, SE13; E C Godfrey, Bristol; A Ballin, Brighton; I J Berkeley-Hurst, SW1; F M Chaudhri, Nairobi; J A James, St John's, Antigua; R Wittering, Oxton; A S Golamaully, Port Louis, Mauritius; M L Bodruddoza, Dhaka, Bangladesh; N Abbas, W14; E Pelekanou, Nicosia; H R Norbury, SW1; E Demetriou, Nicosia; F N Cogswell, E1; I Rajaratnam, Selangor; G G Herbert, W4; Wong Wai Keong, Selangor; W D L Pope, SW6; U Perveen, Warrington; S K Abedin, Luton; N J Enston, Colwyn Bay; S B Mughal, Southall; D H S P G H G Mohammad, Brunei; D J K Milner, Harrogate; Ong Boon Kiat, Singapore; Z Islam, Newport; R D O'Donovan, Farnborough; S Abdul Jabid, Selangor; K Razi, Okara, Punjab; W R Darbyshire, Cleveleys; N J Eatwell, Cambridge; C A Gardner, Southport; S Mahmood, Thornton Heath; S Ananda Suppiah, Kuala Lumpur; C J McNicholas, Hoddesdon; M C D W Thorowgood, Upper Basildon, Reading; H K Walkling, Edinburgh; J S Riley, Gt Missenden; A Jamil, Cheadle Hulme, Ches; S D Venkata Rajoo, Selangor; G Mensah, Freetown, Sierra Leone; A S Forsyth, Milton Keynes; G Koutouroussi, Nicosia; N R Edwards, Darlington; M Shiacolas, Nicosia; A Andreou, Limassol; J- Mahendran, Selangor; W A Wan Mohd Noor, Kuala Lumpur; B J Wrench, Bath; S J Freeman, Tibenham, Norfolk; S J Schooling, Blackham, Tunbridge Wells; J H Manning, Lincoln; S N O'Connor, New Malden; G Choudhuri, Cardiff; K L Gray, Bagshot; Foo Yong Teng, Kuala Lumpur; S Sudin, Brunei; D E Kershaw, Castle Bromwich; Wan Kuzaini Azli, Selangor; S C Kilvington, Sale; J A Nightingale, Little Horwood, Bucks; J D Clayton, Prestbury; J M Drury, Newark; M s/o K S Singh, Perak; M Hadjimanoli, Limassol; A Timothis, Nicosia; J K Brown, Chelmsford; S S Jaisri, SE1; M A Morley, Chester; J J Dyer, Barrow-in-Furness; S S Parhar, Singapore; S D Crane, Selly Oak; D W Wormald-Cripps, Rochester; S Momtaz, W9; J P Monteiro, Selangor; J C Hassall, Stockport; A L Clift-Matthews, Lelant, Cornwall; M Nawaz, Blackburn; N J S Harries, SW1; N Casey, NW6; D S Lewis, Ilford; W H C Josling, Caddington, nr Luton; N Bustani, NW6; A F Hickey, SE15; Goh Lin Ling, Singapore; B G Lynch, Mossend, Lanarks; C R Lopez, Southport; T L Holberton, SW3; M Flaherty, NW9; T S Delip Singh, Tumpat Kelantan, Malaysia; B T M Chataway, SW9; M H Haji Mohammed, Selangor Darul Ehsan; S Haji Sahlan, Selangor; N E S Morrell, SW1; M J Berry, Littleborough; A Siew Ee Peng, Melaka, Malaysia; C Yap Tee Neo, Selangor; S S Parwani, Singapore; K M Aiken, N7; R E Burke, Worthing; P A Orr, NW2; Chin Oi Jean, Selangor; S C Rowley, Leicester; Lee Chit Leong, Julan Hang Tuah, W Malaysia; Quek Bee Choo, Singapore; M Gul-Mohamed, E2; V Gavaloo, Vacoas, Mauritius; Leong San Wah, Singapore; S Rey, SE19; R G Ascroft, SW6; Lai Kwok Seng, Singapore.

Inner Temple

F R Toube, E10; K C Beal, Chichester; C L Taskis, Worthing; A M Soubry, Nottingham; A T Moustras, Jersey; T C O'Maolleoin, Haywards Heath; A A White, W11; A O Paluyi, SW2; J C Fisher, Harwich; A D W Millar, SW11; H J Cardovillis, SW7; J P S J Nicholle, Jersey; S T Houseman, N19; S I Mufti, Doncaster; N K Vijh, Solihull; R M Keymer, Bacup, Lancs; D E Goad, Heswall, Merseyside; J McVitie, Liverpool; D H McIlroy, SW12; S L Jordan, Keynsham, Bristol; D E Clarke, Longfield; R E Nadarajah, Bexley; R Karaa, SW3; A P Miller, Belfast; L E Cole-Wilson, E14; J N Featherstone, Esher; J E S Hart, SW18; T J Allen, Twickenham; C L May, Reading; J M Moran, Bury St Edmunds; D J Benest, St Helier, Jersey; M B Stack, SE13; S P R Horan, Farnham; R A Hall, Fareham; F M Mogridge, Henley-on-Thames; R G Morgan, N12; R Harrison, Chester; Dr G R Browne, Southend; D M Whitehead, Oadby, Leicester; S Muthusamy, Penang; T Birdi, N1; R I J Lee, Leeds; J A H Jackson, SW11; J E Riley, Glossop; A D Maclean, Harrow-on-the-Hill; A P Lake, SW3; N Hon Keung Tse, Bushey; J C Wheater, Warminster; A D Robb, West Kirby, Merseyside; P E Hill, SW6; A W O MacDonald, Brent Eleigh, Sudbury; G Hodgetts, Appley Bridge, Wigan; P J Hobbs, Margate; R Livingstone, Ilford; A Emberton, N1; C A Spedding, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol; Dr K E Selway, Oxford; N L Crane, Bridgwater; M L R Mullins, Haslemere; M A J Treip, Cambridge; O Weir, Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh; C A Tee, Guernsey; J M Buckrell, Horsell, Woking; E T D Johnson, Newcastle-under-Lyme; S V Williams, Pulford, Chester; A C Marrs, Manchester; T D Boyd, Adlington, Ches; P J Savill, Brentford; B C Breslin, WC1; E E Davis, Oxford; N W Andrews, Odell, Beds; N S Grant, N8; C S Crane, Harborne; K J Lawrence, SW16; G R Lemon, NW7; E Gardiner, E14; S J Penketh, NW6; G L Nardell, W11; A M Millar, Wilmslow; J A Kimbell, Feltham; T D Sheppard, NW1; N M Warrender, Cowdenbeath; S Azhar, N4; S E Robertson, E10; P D M Jackson, W10; L R N Ali-Khan, W5; D M Abbott, Redbridge; G A Crosthwaite, Edinburgh; M J Cowie, SW2; P R Bennett, Bristol; D E Calvert, Carlisle; Z V Passfield, Peterlee; M A O'Halloran, Crawley; R J Hignett, Berkhamsted; S C Leigh, Netley Abbey, Hants; R C Steadman, SE19; Dr L Ling Hong Tsang, SW12; N J Shaw, Winchester; A J Faux, Carlisle; D Leith, Buckhurst Hill; B M Valentin, Northampton; E G F Francis, N5; J S Kerr, W11; A B Prandzioch, Isleworth; M J T Hillman, Chislehurst; E L Heine, Thames Ditton; H R F Taylor, West Haddon, Northampton; J D Moule, Worthing; I S MacArthur, N5; P R A Wilson, N1; P H Flower, Kenley; S L Cohen, N16; K E Smith, Datchet; A P Frymann, Burton Joyce, Nottingham; A P J Wilkins, WC1; D D Menon, Selangor; A L Thomas, Bath; J L Davies, SW6; P M Drinkwater, Shaldon, Devon; M R Edwards, SW12.

In absentia

B B Collins, Manchester; J R S Kelaart, Colombo, Sri Lanka; R Navarro, Worcester; E Ellinas, NW11; M C Loram, West Kirby, Merseyside; M T Saunders, SW19; J A Roberts, Nassau, Bahamas; P Ong Lip Cheng, Singapore; R E Woodward, Tewkesbury; J G Dines, Sarratt, Herts.

Middle Temple

A T Restrick, E2; E U Odim, W14; C A Gearty, NW5; C E Davies, SW4; S Joon Heng Chiang, SE18; C A Salmons, Herne Bay; H Borrows, SE7; P C Charitonos, Nicosia; A L A O Jinadu, SW15; K Hui Lin, Singapore; Han Sin Chwee, Singapore; J A Howells, SW1; K M Le Cras, E17; M Sahu, Lower Pilsley, Derbys; Hua Lin Siow, Singapore; Chee Siang Tan, Singapore; R Bokszczanin, W13; H Vaswani, Singapore; B S Mokhtiar Singh, Hayes; D Whitmore, Gibraltar; D E Reilly, Chelmsford; M. Deav-Tieng Teo, Exeter; P Anand, Luton; P M Murray, Omagh, Co Tyrone; V G Taylor, St Lucia, W Indies; D O M Jones, Enfield; D S S Jowell, NW3; P R Mottram, Sutton; Fung Peen Lim, Singapore; R C Dunford, W1; C P Kerr, Duxford; N Mecenero, SW7; T A W Riley-Smith, W6; A J H Williams, W12; R A G Heenan, Caterham; Y K Rai, Ilford; C G King, SW11; C F Hall, WC1; Wei Min Cheng, Singapore; D P Scarborough, Cheam; Chee Chuen Moh Yong, Singapore; Dr K P N Jones, SW1; R S Mondair, Moseley; H Shewaram, NW1; S E J Palmer, SE1; C R Ivimy, W11; S A Whitlam, SW12; J F Adams, Rhayader; A H McRae-Spencer, SW6; T C C Williams, Birmingham; N T Mosko, Nassau; M E Demetriou, W1; M C Miller, Nassau; D F Galpin, W14; W D Ladimeji, SW4; C R Lamont, Oxford; M E J Pack, W2; D I Dixon, Kingston St Mary, Somerset; S P Irani, Singapore; W D Jordash, N4; E J Webster, SW1; H J Jones, E1; A M Nicolaou, Limassol; D L Lee, SW19; P Butterworth, Blackburn; N S Moss, SW17; A S O Marshall, SW18; A C Noble, N1; C C Higgs, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands; A C Williams, Singapore; Yiu Wing Yeung, Hong Kong; P C C Johansen, W2; E Haslam, Aberystwyth; E J Strachan, NW5; A D Nashashibi, Egham; E M Burrows, SW1; S L Lowe, N3; J L Chaplain, Keighley; D T G Brazil, SW2; V C Fox, N6; Sau Yoon Cheah, Perak; N Avramides, Nicosia; P Haitink, SW7; R Choon Sheng Choo, Singapore; M Whui Min Goh, Mezaka, Malaysia; O E J Glasgow, SW1; Chee Wei Leong, W2; P R Buckingham, N5; M Kesavapany, Singapore; Yuen Fong Chin, Sabah, Malaysia; O L Frazer, SE17; Hwee Hua Tay, Singapore; R B Salehkon, Singapore; C J Cowton, SW5; Ming Sun Yoon, Kuala Lumpur; Tuan Wee Tan, Singapore; T Moody-Stuart, SW11; J P B Mayhew, SW1; Pak Chien Chiang, Singapore; S H Healey, Hove; D P Doral Rai, Singapore; T Bradbury, Sutton Coldfield; S L Leong, Singapore; Kin Hui Chang, Brunei; R Michaelides, Limassol; M S Pattenden, SW19; E A Corning, Guildford; A E Butterworth, Stanwell; Hwee Lee Ng, Singapore; C C Hernandez, Gibraltar; T E K Garnham, Christchurch; J-P T Waite, SE11; K Robbins, E6; J T Beng Teh, Selangor; P M Walmsley, Urmston; G U Huei Cheng, Singapore; L J Inward, Ramsbury, Wilts; R D Hayes, Swansea; R D Alexander, W6; A J Collings, SE4; M H Semmence, WC1; M C Hughes, Christchurch; R A Drake, SE21; J Crosfil, E11; J E Woodwark, Whitley Bay; A J S Norris, SW7; W A Metaxa, SW7; M R Reed, W14; N V Bearn, Lewes; D R Bradley, Liverpool; Pook-Tai Yong, Pahang, Malaysia; M C E Happold, SW6; D G F Sefton, SW1; Pin Pin Lee, Johor Baru; P D Rivlin, NW1; C G Woolhouse, N7; C L Beresford-Evans, W9; K Singh, Singapore; G M McEneny, W4; E A Niklas, Cincinnati, Ohio; K Malaiyandi Chettiar, Singapore; S Joseph, SW11; H J P Cuddigan, SW5; J R Pigford, Whitley Bay; D J Bossino, Gibraltar; E J Du Toit, Saxonwold, S Africa; R W English, Potters Bar; P D Newman, Hook; D Stancliffe, Hampton; E L Goncalves, Gibraltar; Hwee Ying M Seah, Singapore; A R Krikler, NW3; J M L Laddie, NW11; J Doherty, Dublin; V Saminathan, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia; S G Stewart, NW1; P J Madigan, Foxrock, Co Dublin; B Nagamuthu, Singapore; Geok Hong Chua, Singapore; S Singh, Singapore; I Yin Leng Mok, Kuala Lumpur; J K Tay, Singapore; C J Deason, Eastbourne; L I Power, Norwich; R A C Oulton, SW6; P M Shaw, NW3.

Gray's Inn

R A Browning, S Woodford; H V Yeoman, Pontypool; I R Scott, Birmingham; E C Georgiou, Larnaca; M Pyrgou, Nicosia; H G Burgher, Hackney; R Sharma, Marylebone; R S Symonds, Bayswater; T Wai Keong Ng, Singapore; J A M S Laurance, Knightsbridge; A G Latimer, Whitley Bay; C J Ewins, Ludlow; J H Maxwell-Scott, Putney; E Georgulas, Hamble; R M White, Hurstpierpoint; C W L B Zwennes, Putney; A J Seitler, Manchester; Li Lian Leong, Singapore; C S Lunn, Newcastle upon Tyne; P J Oakley, Forest Hill; A D Redford, Merton Park; J Taylor, Rhiwderin, Newport; C A Phillips, Bromley; J D'A Benson, Oxford; R K Bhagobati, Wakefield; M J Maher, Bury; R A L French, Ascot; S D Hughes, Clapham; T T Parker, Nottingham; D G Margolin, Marylebone; S M S A Hossain, Bayswater; A M Jay, Westminster; I K Cotterill, Brockworth; A B O'N Neil, Islington; A R Withington, Rotherfield; D J Denman, Islington; L Shui Kei Fung, Kensington; R J O'Rourke, Bray, Co Wicklow; E Winters, Marylebone; P M Moylan, Garforth; J P Butler, Nassau; C S Whiteley, Leyton; J R Wragg, Maesteg; S A M Brochwicz-Lewinski, Bramhall; A S Mazland, Terengganu, Malaysia; S A Gaunt, Wetherby; V K Hunt, Stamford; P Carey, Wood Green; J A E Warshaw, Highgate; Kuok Sim E Lim, Kuala Lumpur; M A Balysz, Ealing; K Simpson, Angel; N G Turner, Swinton; D W Rawlings, Holloway; H X J McCowan, Lambeth; K Adatia, Leicester; A Heller, Wood Green; P-J Rappo, Wimbledon; D J Mawdsley, Ainsdale; A P West, Highbury; A Sarfraz, Islamabad; J R Clarke, Peckham; C E Bayati, Tunbridge Wells; A Batteson, Muswell Hill; C R Johnson, Cheltenham; E C Nott, Letchworth; S P Rose, Maidstone; J Dixon, Whitley Bay; K M Jones, Stoke Newington; M C Lawson, Clapham; G P Simons, Norwich; M G Bruce, Banchory; E M Wood, Allerton Bywater; J H Bostwick, Nassau; P A Lyons, Bath; C L Osborne, Neston; T W P Stern, Tenterden; J R D Hyam, Diss; R Hughes, Aughton; J K Mootoo, Kensington; L C Thompson, Mansfield; P M Edwards, Banwell; S J Gosnell, Neath; J Griffiths, Merthyr Tydfil; D J Love, Scunthorpe; L Kilpatrick, Wetherby; A R Wilson, Plymouth; J R Entwistle, Gayton, Wirral; M M Joomratty, Surbiton; I D Truscott, Edinburgh; A P Vout, Arnold, Notts; D M Wells, Welwyn Gdn City; N H H Muhammad, Terengganu, Malaysia; E J Waheed, Dulwich; C L Davies, Cardiff; D G Maguire, Altrincham; R Erriah, Rivière-Sèche, Mauritius; F I Choudhury, Brighton; A P Horton-Strachan, Nassau; P R Cavin, Maida Vale; R T Horseman, Warwick, Bermuda; M Tselentis, Johannesburg; I Hardcastle, Abington; K M Thompson, Arima, Trinidad and Tobago; R A Bahadursingh, Barbados; A K M Ranai, Kuala Lumpur; D Zuberi, Karachi; I-Lin P Wong, Singapore; Le Lyn Leon, Singapore; Kwong Wing Leon, Singapore; Chi Sing Wu, Hong Kong.

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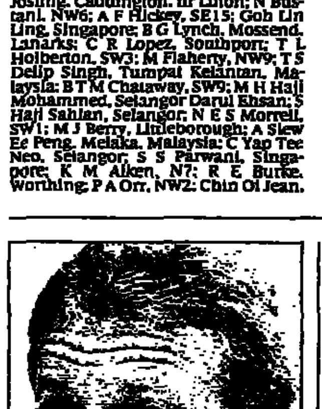

Ian Botham, the cricketer, is 40 today

Birthdays today

Viscount Alanbrooke, 63; Mr P.M. Birse, chairman, Birse Group, 53; Mr David Blakey, Chief Constable, West Mercia, 52; the Marquess of Blandford, 40; Mr Lynn Chadwick, sculptor, 81; Mr Billy Connolly, comedian, 53; Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, 68; Mr Patric Dickinson, Richmond Herald of Arms, 45; Judge Elisabeth Fisher, 51; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 75; Mr P.J. Head, Head of Property Services, Further Education Funding Council for England, 44; Mr David Kossoff, actor and author, 76; General Sir Richard Lawson, 68; Mr E.A.M. MacAlpine, former Headmaster, Mill Hill School, 55; Mr William Michie, MP, 60; Sir Claus Moser, former Warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 76; Mr Charles Osborne, author, 68; Miss Vivien Saunders, golfer, 49; Mr Edward Stourton, broadcaster, 38; Mr Mark Taylor, director, Museums Association, 37; Mr Paul Thorburn, rugby player, 33.

Dinners

Air Force Board
The Speaker attended an Air Force Board dinner held last night at Admiralty House. Mr James Arbuthnot, Minister of Defence Procurement, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the joint hosts. The guests were:

Lord Barber, Sir Donald Gosling, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Mr Michael Colvin, MP, Lieutenant-General A M Dequetteville, Mr Robert Hardy and Mr Richard Mottram.

Heads of Mission
The Ambassador of Mozambique and Mrs Panguene, the Ambassador of Slovenia and Mrs Šinkovec, the Chargé d'Affaires of Honduras and Senora Morales and Mr J.R. Monroy, Managing Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society, were the hosts at the annual gala dinner and concert held by Heads of Mission from the Eastern and Western Hemispheres last night at Le Meridien Piccadilly.

The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Sir Michael Caine, Chairman of Africa '95, and Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Sir Peter Fry, MP, and Lady Fry, Mr Ivan Bizjak, Ombudsman of Slovenia, and Mrs Bizjak, Senhora Graca Machel, and Mr Robin Stuart Gorham, Head of the Protocol Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, were the guests of honour. Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies were among those present.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell was the guest of honour at the annual trophies and awards dinner held last night at Guildhall. Captain Geoffrey Fowkes presided.

Awards were presented to: Flight-Lieutenant J W Hendy, Mr W D Reynard, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr W S Gilmour, Mr P C A Thorn, Flight-Lieutenant A J Stacey, Dr M C Foale, Flight-Lieutenant A H C Cooper, Flight-Lieutenant M Dennis, Flight-Lieutenant G M Holmes, Flight-Sergeant P L Trethewey, Professor W A Wallace, Dr T Wong, Miss C Hinrichsen, Flight-Lieutenant K A Brooks, Mr D A Pozorski and Mr G J Jack.

Defence and Security Forum
Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of the Defence and Security Forum, presided at a patrons dinner held last night at the Carlton Club. Sir David Ford, Hong Kong Commissioner in London, was the guest speaker.

Service dinners

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard the flagship *HMS Victory*, Portsmouth Naval Base.

The Queen's Royal Lancers
Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

University of London Air Squadron
The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University and Honorary Air Commodore, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the University of London Air Squadron held last night at the squadron town headquarters. Wing Commander P.R. Dixon, Commanding Officer, presided.

Appointment

Mr Julian Hugh Gordon Langley, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division.

Memorial services

Major Dennis Aldridge, RM
Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Dennis Aldridge, RM, held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated. Lieutenant-Colonel P.R. Thomas and Wing Commander Austin O'Sullivan read the lessons. Mr Brian Butler gave an reading and Major N. P. Coke, RM, paid tribute. Members of the family, friends and representatives of the Royal Marines, the Royal College of Nursing and *Time Life* were present.

The Hon Kenneth Lamb
A report of the thanksgiving service for the Hon Kenneth Lamb will be published tomorrow.

Jeremy Brett
A Memorial Service for the actor Jeremy Brett will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Wednesday, November 29, at 4.00pm. The service will include tributes by friends and colleagues from the world of stage and television and members of his family.

If anybody would like to attend, could they please contact Lynnette Carroll at Granada Television, tel 0161 832 7211 ext 3870, who will send them a ticket. Space will be limited and entry is by ticket only.

Donald Bancroft
A memorial service for Donald Bancroft will be held in Lancing College Chapel, West Sussex, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1996, followed by light refreshments. Those wishing to attend should telephone 01273 452213 by March 1, 1996.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.U. Amati and Miss E.M. Maclean
The engagement is announced between Giovanni, son of the late Dr Luigi Amati and of Signora Carla Amati, of Lecco, Italy, and Emma, elder daughter of Sir Lachlan and Lady Maclean, of Arngask, Glenfarg, Perthshire.

Mr D.J. Barlow and Miss C.J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Daniel, younger son of Mr Gerald Barlow and Mrs Rachel Barlow, of Great Barrow, Chester, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Thomas, of Buckley, Clwyd.

Mr A.M. Dumbleton and Miss S.A. Strachan
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Dumbleton, of Finchingfield, North Essex, and Sally, daughter of Dr and Mrs James Strachan, of Shibden, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Mr M.A. Findlay and Miss H.M. Rivière
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Findlay, of Hertford, Hertfordshire, and Henrietta, youngest daughter of the late Mr Daniel Rivière and of Mrs Nicholas Lane, and stepdaughter of Mr Nicholas Lane, of King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr J.A.R. Jameson and Miss E.C. Underwood
The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr and Mrs Jimmy Jameson, of Harleston, Kingsbridge, South Devon, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Underwood, of Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex.

Mr R.C. Watt and Miss C.M. Aldington
The engagement is announced between Roderick Campbell, son of Mrs Arlene Watt and the late Mr Jack Watt, of Campsie Glen, and Catherine (Daisy), daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Aldington, of White Waltham, Berkshire.

Mr C.H. Meek and Miss K.M. Fairclough
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Meek, of Winding Wood, Berkshire, and Katherine, eldest daughter of Mr Richard Fairclough, of Berrick Salome, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Michael Watson-Smyth, of North Aston, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.W.N. Myers and Mrs S.L.H. Daghorn
The engagement is announced between Rupert, eldest son of the late Mr Antony Myers and of Mrs Anne Turberville-Smith, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Bryant, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Mr T.E. Thorogood and Miss J.I. Wilson-Hutton-Stott
The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Mr Peter Thorogood and the late Mrs Suzanne Thorogood, and stepson of Mrs Léonie Thorogood, of Little Horwood, Buckinghamshire, and Juliet, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. Wilson-Hutton-Stott, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr S.N. Zausmer and Miss B.H. Scott
The engagement is announced between Stuart, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Zausmer, of Wembley Park, Middlesex, and Barbara, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs James Scott, of Kinnersley, Worcestershire.

Marriage

Mr A.B. Adler and Miss A.G. La Noue
The marriage took place in London, on November 20, between Mr Adam Bruce Adler, younger son of Mrs Gillian Thompson and Mr Gerry Adler, to Miss Alexandra Grace La Noue, daughter of Dr Joan Lippincott and Mr Terence La Noue, of New York, USA.

Paviors' Company

The Master of the Paviors' Company has awarded the Paviors' prize for 1995 to Mr Andrew Langmaid of Reading University for his academic success and contribution to the readership sponsored by the company in the Department of Construction Management and Engineering.

Lectures

Royal Signals
Mr Ned Sherrin delivered the annual lecture to the Royal Signals Institution yesterday at 1 New Street Square, EC4. Major-General C.N. Last, chairman, presided. Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, and Brigadier N.F. Wood, Signal Officer in Chief (Army), were also present.

ISPF
Professor Philip Gummett, Chairman of the International Science Policy Foundation, introduced Professor Chris Freeman who delivered the annual lecture to the foundation at the Society for Chemical Industry, London, last night. Dr Maurice Goldsmith, director, presided and with Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, presented the foundation medal to Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS, in recognition of his services to the development of science and technology policy.

Reception

Carpenters' Company
Mr M.R. Francis, Master of the Carpenters' Company, welcomed Sir William Stubbs, Chief Executive of the Further Education Funding Council, who presented the annual awards of the Building Crafts College and the Institute of Carpenters Craft competition at a reception held last night at Carpenters' Hall.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, Amsterdam, 1632; Laurence Sterne, novelist, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, 1713; Zachary Taylor, 12th American President 1849-50, Montebello, Gordonsville, Virginia, 1784; Grace Darling, heroine of the *Forfarshire* wreck, Bamborough, Northumberland, 1815; Frances Burnett, novelist and dramatist, Manchester, 1849; Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, painter, Albi, France, 1864; Herbert Sutcliffe, England and Yorkshire cricketer, Pudsey, Yorkshire, 1894.

DEATHS: John Knox, Protestant reformer, Edinburgh, 1572; William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 1848; Sir Hiram Maxim, pioneer of the machinegun, London, 1916; Robert Erskine Childers, Irish nationalist and writer, executed, Dublin, 1922; Georges Clemenceau, Prime Minister of France 1917-20, Paris, 1929; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, London, 1991.

Abel Tasman discovered Van Dieman's land, 1642, renamed Tasmania, 1853.

Charles Darwin's controversial *Origin of Species* was published, 1859.

Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with the assassination of President John Kennedy, was shot dead by Jack Ruby in the underground car park of the Dallas police headquarters, 1963.

Cooks' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Cooks' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr J.B. Kane; Second Master, the Rev J.K.L. Powell; Warden, Mr J.G.V. Price; Renter Warden, Mr D. Hodgson.

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Then Jesus said to them: 'Go to every part of the world, and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation'.
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BIRTHS

BROWN - On 19th November 1995, to Sarah (née Russell) and Mark, a daughter, Saskia Isla Rosa, a sister for David, Freya and India.

EYRE - To Jill (née Passey) and Mark, on 8th November 1995, a daughter Araminta Cicely Jane.

HARRINGTON - On November 21st, to Gilly (née Young) and Marc, a daughter, Billie.

McCLUSKEY - On 31st October, to Melloney (née St. Leger) and Stephen, a son, George Alexander, a brother to Flora.

TALBOT - On November 20th, to Rosemary (née Gibbens) and John, a daughter, Frances Louisa, a sister for Lucy.

DEATHS

AUTIN - Madeleine peacefully in her sleep on Sunday November 19th 1995, adored and devoted sister of Marie-Louise. Funeral Service Monday November 27th at Breakspear Crematorium (East Chapel) at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations to Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey c/o Southall Funeral Service, 70 Western Road, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 5DZ. (0181) 571-0621.

BAYLIS - Richard (Dickie) Surtees suddenly at home on November 22nd. Much loved friend of Patrick and adored brother of Jane, Charlie and his nephews. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at 12 noon on Friday 8th December in Mattingley Parish Church, Basingstoke. No flowers.

BOULTER - On November 21st, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. H.G.V. Indian Army Ret'd. Beloved husband of Jessie Allison (née Hill). Funeral at Isle Brewers Church at 11.45 am on November 28th, followed by cremation at Taunton. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to the Army Benevolent Fund c/o Forsey and Son, Somerton, Somerset.

BUSH - Charles on 21st November, husband of Betty and father of Peter and Diana. Passed away peacefully at home after illness. Enquiries (01179) 621491.

BYRON - Evelyn peacefully on 17th November. Widow of Arthur and much loved mother of Richard and grandmother of Charlotte Evelyn Byron. Funeral Service Thursday 30th November St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, Surrey at 3pm.

COLLMANN - Marjorie suddenly on 21st November aged 87. Much loved wife of John, mother of Mary and Celia, grandmother and sister. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, on Tuesday 28th November at 10.15 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if wished for Cancer Research c/o E.R. Hickmott, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DENBY - Guy, on Tuesday 21st November, suddenly and peacefully. Funeral Tuesday 28th November in Kidlington.

FAITH - Lieutenant Colonel S.A. (Alan) on Wednesday 22nd November at home. Dearly loved husband and friend of Mary for 55 years. Much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service will be at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel, on Wednesday 29th November at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations to St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton or The Childrens' Hospice, Barnstable.

FRANGOS - Stamos, peacefully after a brief illness in Athens, Greece on 22nd November. Funeral to take place in Athens on 24th November. Donations, if desired, to "Scope" (formerly the Spastic Society), Donations Department, 12 Park Crescent, London W1N 4EQ, marked: "In Memory of Stamos Frangos".

GANDY - Robin. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium at 2 pm Thursday November 30th. Donations if desired to British Logic Colloquium, Oxfam or National Trust.

HIATT - Aaron (Harry). After a long illness borne bravely and with dignity. Harry, beloved husband of Lily and devoted father to Helaine, passed away peacefully on Saturday 18th November. Will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

HORRIDGE - On November 22nd suddenly Ernst aged 52, greatly loved and devoted husband of Gail, father of Katy, stepfather of Tiffany and grandfather of Holly and brother of J.O. Adored by his family and many friends. He will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts. Funeral Service at the Temple Church on Wednesday November 29th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Enquiries Kenyons 0171 834-4624.

MINTO - On 23rd November 1995, Elizabeth aged 93 who passed away peacefully at her home in Beaminster, Dorset. Funeral service at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday 30th November at 2 pm. Family flowers only please donations if desired to Save The Children Fund c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7 North Street, Beaminster.

PERRIN - Brian Kaye Perrin, CBE., VRD., FRICS., peacefully in St Wilfrids Hospice, Eastbourne, on 22nd November. Beloved husband of Jean, much loved brother of David and father of Christopher, Sarah and Adam, grandpa to Charlotte and Gregory. Private cremation on November 29th will be followed by a Memorial Service at a later date. Family flowers only and donations if wished to St Wilfrids Hospice c/o Seaford & Newhaven Funeral Service, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford, East Sussex, tel: (01323) 893889.

PHILLIPSON - Mildred, peacefully at home on November 22nd 1995, aged 80. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Castle Bytham, at 2 pm on Wednesday November 29th. Flowers to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham.

RINGROSE - Margaret Florence Sarah, suddenly on November 19th. Suffered recent long illness borne with great courage and bravery. Beloved widow of Eric and much loved mother of Ian. Funeral service on November 30th, 12 noon at St Andrews Church, Totteridge Village, London N20. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

SAALFELD - Werner, aged 80, on November 18th at home in Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, peacefully in his sleep, after a long illness borne with great fortitude. He was much loved, especially by his wife Hilde (died 1972) and Maureen, sister Ilse, daughter Barbara, son Michael, and their partners, step-children Fiona, Timothy, Julian, and Rachel, grandson Daniel, granddaughters Laura and Rebecca, and step-granddaughter Roisin. For many years Head of German at the former Glyn Grammar School, and Head of Languages, Epsom Adult Education. Family funeral was held on November 23rd. Donations if wished, in his memory, to Oxfam (c/o Andy McDonald, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ) or Shelter (c/o Donations Office, Shelter, 88 Old Street, London EC1V 9HU).

SAWYER - On 21st November 1995, George Edward (Teddy) aged 77 years, much loved husband of Nancy, father of Tim, Emma and Tess and a loving grandfather. Funeral private, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St James' Church, Nayland on Thursday 30th November 1995 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations at his request to The Friends of Nayland Church would be very welcome c/o W.H. Shephard, 93 High Street, Colchester, Essex.

VAN EYSSEN - John passed over November 21st 1995. Deeply mourned by his son David and by his many loving friends. Funeral Service to be held at Mortlake Crematorium 2 pm Thursday November 30th 1995. All friends welcome. Donations appreciated in place of flowers to SGI-UK, a Buddhist Organisation for Culture and Peace, or to Cancer Research.

VAUGHAN - On 21st November, suddenly, Nicholas Robert Ralph (Niko), aged 31, much loved younger son of Alan and Franciann and brother of Celia and Christopher. Funeral Service at St Laurence Church, Hawkhurst, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 29th November, followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Canterbury Oast Trust c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, Burwash, East Sussex, tel: (01435) 882219.

VINALL - Marjory Ellen passed away suddenly after a short illness. Mother of Peter and Ann, widow of Reginald, died on her birthday 20th November aged 83 years. Funeral Wednesday 29th November 4 pm, at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley. No flowers please. Donations for Lister Ward, Barnet General Hospital, c/o Co-operative Funeral Services, 187 Hertford Road, Enfield EN3 5JH.

WEIGHT - On November 20th peacefully, Christina Agnes of East Hill House, Liss, late of Rowledge, in her 96th year. Widow of Esmond, dearly loved mother of Isoult, Nigel, Adrian and Anthea and of eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St James Church, Rowledge, on Tuesday December 12th, 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if desired to National Asthma Campaign. Enquiries to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3HR, tel: (01730) 262711.

WHITE - Peter peacefully in Beccles Hospital on 23rd November, much loved husband of Elisabeth and father of Duncan and Anthea.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR C. A. MEIER

Professor C. A. Meier, physician and Jungian analyst, died in Zurich on November 15 aged 90. He was born on April 19, 1905.

C. A. MEIER was one of the last men to collaborate with Carl Jung. Like Jung, he worked before the war at the Burgholzli Mental Hospital in Zurich, and afterwards he set up the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich. He was also, for many years, Jung's unofficial second-in-command, the man who shielded or relieved Jung from public responsibilities, so that he was free to concentrate on his real life's work.

Carl Alfred Meier — always known as "Fredy" — was born in Schaffhausen, which was also the home town of Emma, Jung's wife. It was a typically Germanic Swiss environment but, from his schooldays, Meier himself was attracted by the Latin, and more particularly the Greek, inheritance of Western Europe.

He first met Jung as a schoolboy, and was intensely curious about his work, although originally he intended to become a marine biologist. His youthful contact with the Jungs in Schaffhausen eventually brought him instead to a career in medicine. He qualified as a doctor in Switzerland and then studied at the Sorbonne and in Italy. He was both a promising physician and surgeon.

Gradually and irrevocably he was drawn to psychology, as Jung had been after taking a degree in medicine at Basle.

As a result, he joined the staff of the Burgholzli Mental Hospital in Zurich, one of the great mental asylums in the world, where Jung had begun his career at the turn of the century.

From that point, Meier was completely committed to healing not only as a doctor but, increasingly, through using Jungian analysis. He remained very close to Jung almost until the time of the latter's death in 1961.

Their friendship coincided with a period of Jung's life when his public duties were threatening to swamp his real work, and Jung was grateful to Meier for putting himself so utterly at his disposal. But Meier did not take on the role of helper in any spirit of blind subservience. He associated himself fully with Jung's disagreement with Freud but, significantly, did so only after going to see Freud himself. Like Jung, Meier disagreed profoundly with the route Freud had taken, but was always grateful to him for having found the entrance, through the dream, to man's collective unconscious.

When he was young and impressionable Meier had visited Freud in Austria and was deeply impressed. Afterwards he walked up and down the tiny country railway platform, waiting for the train to take him back to Switzerland. He was reluctant to go. It was only some hours later that he suddenly came out of this trance, and began to realise that he had experienced what psychologists call "projection".

In the years leading up to the Second World War, with Nazism taking a firm hold in Germany, Meier and Jung worked to help German psychologists who were being persecuted. Meier was shocked later to hear Jung accused of anti-Semitism, by those who had never troubled to study how much work he had done for Jewish colleagues in Germany. When it became essential to get Freud out of Austria, and to find him asylum, Meier and Eddie Bennett (a pioneer of Jungian work in England) organised his escape and asylum in London.

He himself remained in Zurich throughout the war. Afterwards, in 1948, Meier established the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich. Jung had no great faith in groups and, after the first trickle of students arrived, he had doubts about the lifespan of the institute. But the institute grew steadily and became the largest Jungian training establishment in the world.

Meier left the institute after a decade or so, and became a Professor in Psychology at the Federal University in Zurich — Jung's old chair. Among his publications was a book published on medicine as practised in Ancient Greece, focusing on Epidaurus and translated into English as *Incubation*.

Meier had walked all over Greece, and the Greek islands, with the aid of a type of Greek *Baedeker* from the 4th century BC. He also recognised it was essential to have a proper textbook for students of Jung, and he set himself the task of writing four of them. All his writing was in German and not widely translated. He visited America frequently, lecturing in universities on "complex" psychology — the early name for Jungian psychology — and had his own clinic in Zurich.

Meier was an unusually frank, uncompromising man. Some complained that he was tactless and did not know how to get on with people. Others, who knew him from the early days of the institute, saw a very different side to the man — caring, sensitive, and with a great capacity to understand a patient's dreams.

Meier was very musical, and never went to a concert without taking the score with him. He spoke English well and idiomatically, and particularly appreciated the British sense of humour, although he had a more boisterous, almost Swiss peasant, approach to humour himself. He visited England regularly, particularly the Aldeburgh Festival, and counted Benjamin Britten among his friends.

He is survived by his wife Joan, and their daughter, a son having predeceased him.

PETER GRANT

Peter Grant, rock manager, died of a heart attack on November 22 aged 60. He was born in 1935.

MAD, bad and dangerous to know, Peter Grant was the man who launched the rock music industry into the stratosphere of global big business. It was he who made Led Zeppelin into one of the world's most successful rock groups, hurling their music through 70,000 watt amplification, through blinding lights and billowing stage-smoke into vast stadiums of seething fans.

Grant revolutionised rock management. He wrestled with the concert promoters who, before his arrival on the scene, had guaranteed bands payment of only 50 per cent of ticket sales. Grant demanded an astronomical 90 per cent, and got it. Shunning the sort of commercial exposure which groups then courted, Led Zeppelin, under Grant's management, refused to release singles or appear on television. Instead, they filled cavernous venues the world over with a new breed of wild, long-haired rock fan.

Weighing a colossal 18½ stone, his ham-like fists encrusted with monstrous rings, Grant became something of a legend who turned rock and roll excess into a hideous art. Cocaine, it is said, was snorted by the teaspoonful, televisions were flung from hotel rooms.

Peter Grant was born illegitimate and brought up in poverty in a scruffy two-up, two-down terraced house in Battersea. He never lost his "sarf" London accent and seemed resistant to any attempts at education. "This boy will never make anything of his life," one school report said.

By the age of 13 he was working as a stagehand at the Croydon Empire and he went on to work as a messenger at Reuters, a "dolly boy" in a sheet metal factory, a waiter, a holiday camp entertainer, and a bit-part actor. He put his enormous bulk to use as a wrestler, fighting under the name of Count Bruno Alessio from Milan, and as an actor when he was asked to play the double of Robert Morley.

But it was when he worked in the Two I's café in Soho, where Tommy Steele and Cliff Richard used to hang out, that he first touched on the fringes of the record business. He stumbled into a "proper" career and became tour manager for several American acts, including Gene Vincent, Little Richard and the Everly Brothers. It was Grant who first brought Chuck Berry to England and who got the Rolling Stones their first broadcast on the BBC's *Saturday Club* programme.

In the early 1960s Grant managed the Animals for a while, and then the Yardbirds. The lead guitarist of the latter was Jimmy Page, and, when the Yardbirds split up in 1968, it was he who suggested Grant should come in as the manager of a new band he was forming, Led Zeppelin. Grant admitted that he had no musical knowledge and worked purely on instinct. Led Zeppelin, his instincts told him, were going to be enormous.

Grant became known as the fifth member of the band. Under his Svengalian influence Zeppelin soared to success, netting billions of dollars, amid legends of grotesque indulgence and debauch. Grant was known as one of the toughest operators in the business. When he visited Atlantic Records in New York (Zeppelin's label), the staff used to cower out of sight. "I won't stand for people taking advantage of the group," he once said. "People seem to forget that the artist is the most important thing."

But, though Grant was often accused of brutishness and greed, his relationship with the band was one of confidant and father-figure. In 1973, when over £70,000 of the band's takings went missing from a safebox, and Grant was arrested on the same night, and briefly imprisoned for allegedly assaulting a photographer, the band stood by him.

Perhaps it is not surprising that when in 1980 Led Zeppelin split up after the drummer died from a vodka binge, Grant went into severe depression from which he did not emerge for two years.

He felt too old to go back into management when he eventually recovered. "Everything has changed," he said. "There are too many accountants roaming around worrying about how many group T-shirts have been sold." He resumed acting in a somewhat desultory fashion and enjoyed taking the role of the cardinal in *Carry on Columbus* (1992), but he did not need the money. He still got his percentage of all Led Zeppelin proceeds.

In latter years he lived in a Tudor mansion in Sussex where he housed a huge collection of rare vintage cars. He enjoyed relative peace there, seeming in his later years more a gentle giant than a roaring ogre. "I'd hate to be remembered as a bad person. I've never been a bad person. Never meant to be," he said, in a recent interview.

After 14 years Grant's marriage ended in divorce in 1976. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

THE REV DAVID WILD

The Rev David Wild, MC, MBE, priest, died on November 16 aged 85. He was born on April 12, 1910.

IN MANY ways the most dramatic part of David Wild's life took place over fifty years ago. In 1940 as a young Eton master, recently ordained and married, he found himself serving as chaplain to the 4th Battalion the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in France.

Cut off at Cassel in the course of the retreat to Dunkirk, virtually all the members of the battalion were either killed or captured. Wild himself was awarded a Military Cross for his courage in interring the dead and retrieving the wounded under fire.

He survived to be taken prisoner and, refusing repatriation, volunteered to serve as chaplain in Stalag XXA in Poland. For this work he was appointed MBE. His experiences were the basis of his remarkable book, *Prisoner of Hope*, which is rather more than a record of a neglected part of Second World War history. It also constitutes a moving testimony to British troops in adversity.

Robert David Fergusson Wild was the son of the Right Rev H. L. Wild, Bishop of Newcastle, and of Christian Severn, a granddaughter of the painter Joseph Severn. From Summer Fields he won a scholarship to Eton, arriving in January 1924. His schooldays were not particularly distinguished but he won the Organ Prize, a tribute to his lasting skill at, and love for, music. In 1929 he went up to Exeter College, Oxford, with a classical exhibition, and from there, having already decided to be ordained, to Westcott House, Cambridge.

For a short spell after ordination, he was a curate in Hampshire and chaplain to Cyril Garbett, then Bishop of Winchester, before returning in 1937 to be an assistant master at Eton. In 1938 he married Mary Inge, a niece of W. R. Inge, the famous "gloomy Dean" of St Paul's.

Convinced that war was coming, Wild joined the Royal Army Chaplains Department in March 1939. He was posted after the outbreak of war to the Territorial unit into which he had been commissioned during his Oxford days.

Wild at Oflag VIIC in 1941

From May 29, 1940, until November 1941 he was held in an officers' camp, Oflag VIIC, but he was then allowed to go to a Stalag at Torun on the Vistula which housed some 400 warrant officers and NCOs, mostly British. During the rest of his captivity he travelled around ministering to other ranks in working camps as well as in the main fort. Occasionally he was to find prisoners dispirited and ill-led, but in general the morale in the camps was magnificent and a tribute to the NCOs in charge. Wild himself courageously stood up for the rights of the prisoners as well as providing pastoral care.

He also experienced the warmth of the Polish people and something of their resistance to the Germans. His camp was freed early in 1945 by the advancing Russians. Some anxious months followed before he was repatriated via Odessa. He then resumed his Eton career, bringing back with him CQMS Granger, BEM, one of the outstanding prisoners he had met, who became manager of Eton's works department.

Wild was a schoolmaster who particularly enjoyed teaching some of the humbler newcomers, among whom he would discover unexpected ability. As a chaplain he was influential after the arrival of Robert Birley as Head Master in securing the creation of a new position of senior chaplain (or "conduct"). He was not himself to hold this office, having in 1951 become a housemaster: he ran a successful house until 1968. Boys were aware of the rich sense of humour masked by his lugubrious manner. Colleagues sometimes found that he would defend his boys with something of the obduracy with which he had earlier confronted prison commandants. His integrity was absolute.

In 1969 he retired to Somerset, where he purchased the old railway pub at Stogumber (the village from which Shaw borrowed the name of his chaplain in *St Joan*). It amused him that some lay colleagues retired to old rectories and he to an inn. He filled pastoral gaps in several parishes and became secretary of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen. He established an art gallery in the skittle alley by the Railway House, organising exhibitions of high quality, including some of his own watercolours.

Latterly he moved to Crowcombe and it was there that he put together from old notebooks and letters he had sent to his wife while a prisoner of war the book which will ensure his lasting interest to scholars.

He did not find it easy to secure a publisher: one was to complain "... but, Mr Wild, could you not at least include an attempted escape?", having missed the point that, as a chaplain, he could have applied to return to Britain at almost any time he chose. Eventually *Prisoner of Hope* was published by the Book Guild in 1992 with critical acclaim and gratifying sales.

In his last year he faced cancer with courage and humour. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

BRIAN HILL

Brian Hill, CBE, chief executive of Lancashire County Council, 1977-90, died of a stroke on October 26 aged 65. He was born on October 16, 1930.

BORN and bred in Lancashire, Brian Hill took a stout pride in his county. Perhaps it was this, together with his deep understanding of the Lancastrian people and their at times blunt, if forthright, pragmatism, which made him such a respected figure in local government.

With tact but firmness he steered Lancashire through a complex transitional period in 1974 when local government was reorganised. Subsequently he went on to become chief executive of the county council, a post in which he served loyally for 13 years. He was appointed CBE in 1990.

Brian Hill was born in Wigan, the son of a local businessman. He was educated first at Wigan Grammar School and then at Manchester University, where he read law.

On graduating he went to work as assistant solicitor for Manchester City Corporation where for three years he gained valuable experience in the practice of law, before moving on in 1956 to work as a senior solicitor for Lancashire County Council. It was here that he was to remain for the rest of his professional life, working his way rapidly up the promotional ladder to become chief executive in 1977. It was an auspicious time to begin, the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Hill was closely involved in the organisation of a royal visit.

Hill's was a tough administrative job. The co-ordination of every aspect of local government required considerable vision and skill. These he combined with a solicitor's meticulous attention to detail as was evidenced in his work in establishing the first major local authority job creation and development company when the county council set up Lancashire Enterprises in 1982.

Hill will also be particularly remembered for the role he played in the setting up of the Royal Northern College of Music. He himself was an accomplished pianist, and at one point he and his wife had two grand-pianos, back to back in their drawing room, so that they could play together.

Hill's genuine concern for the improvement of his county was shot through with a wry sense of humour which often defused arguments and smoothed over problems. At one time, when compulsive competitive tendering was being introduced, an irate garden contractor arrived at County Hall, depositing a ton of manure on the doorstep by way of a silent, if odoriferous, protest. Hill's only reaction was to ask the man if next time he might deliver it to his home address for use on the roses.

Even after his retirement in 1990 Hill pursued an active interest in local life and was an energetic member of a variety of societies and committees. Up until the time of his death, he was a member of the Council on Tribunals, a member of the court of Lancaster University, deputy chairman of the Hallé Concerts Society and a member of the Local Government Commission.

Brian Hill is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1954, and by a daughter.

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ON THIS DAY

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Second in familiarity, but not in piquancy, to her famous invitation was the reply she gave to the cloakroom attendant at a nightclub, who had greeted her with "Goodness! What beautiful diamonds!" "Goodness," Miss West observed, "had nothing to do with it, dearie."

MAE WEST

Mae West, the only important female humorist in films and for more than half a century a universal sex symbol in the proper sense of that much abused term, died in Hollywood on the 24th. As a star she enjoyed unparalleled longevity: she played her first leading role on Broadway in 1913, and even in what may well have been her nineteenth year was a continuing star attraction, well able to command top billing for any appearance she made. She was born in Brooklyn some year between 1885 and 1893, and seems to have taken instantly to the greasepaint. She began at the age of five doing imitations at church socials. By the age of 15 she was doing her own song-and-dance act, and in 1911 she married Frank Wallace with whom she formed a Vaudeville team. They soon separated and were divorced. By 1913 she was a top liner; in 1926 with the opening (and eventually the legally enforced closing) of her play *Sex*, Mae West definitely became Mae West. From then on she was the writer and creator of her own material on stage and screen, as well as a prolific author of books and plays. The raw material of all her work was sex; her approach was always comic. In play after play and film after film she embodied voluptuously proportioned sirens who took a frank sexual interest of the physique of the men in their lives, chose for themselves (the classic invitation "Come up and see me some time" was offered at and for the lady's pleasure only) and found much comic relish in the advantages of being a fallen woman. By making sex a shared joke she defused the subject of much of its offensive power——though clearly not enough for many people in the 1920s and 1930s, when she was constantly the target of outraged moralists even while she fortunately remained the darling of the public . . .

Her fame became inescapable: she was painted by Dali, parodied by Disney, and later entered the dictionary when, during the war, an inflatable life-jacket was named after her. Later, without actually becoming sexy, she had become the world's shorthand for the idea of sex, a living embodiment of the dangerous truths that sex could be profitable, and sex could be fun. In 1976 when she might well have been 90, she was planning a new film, *Sextette*, observing of a projected remake of *Diamond Lil*: "I could still do it; I still look like Mae West." It was a great part of her charm and perhaps the main reason for the durability of her legend, that she alone in the world steadfastly refused to be taken in by it.

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 1995

NEWS

Royals decline in public esteem

■ Public respect for the Royal Family has slipped according to a MORI poll undertaken for *The Times*. But a separate poll commmissioned by the *Sun* after the *Panorama* interview shows that the Princess of Wales has overwhelming support.

The *Times* MORI poll, undertaken before Princess Diana's television interview shows that respect for the Royal Family has dropped more sharply during the 1990s than that for any other profession. It now stands below doctors, policemen, teachers, social workers and civil servants ....**Page 1**

Princess of Wales in Argentina

■ The Princess of Wales flew into Argentina yesterday and immediately set about establishing herself as a queen of hearts — touching, stroking and holding hands with handicapped children in a rundown hospital.................................**Page 1**

Shephard's choice

Gillian Shephard disclosed plans to encourage state schools to select more pupils by ability as part of a radical agenda to accentuate Tory differences from Labour ....**Page 1**

New MI5 chief

Stephen Lander, the former head of MI5's Irish counter-terrorism branch, is to succeed the director-general, Stella Rimington, when she retires next year.........**Page 1**

Peace talks fear

John Major and John Bruton were trying to avoid a collapse in their talks on the Northern Ireland peace process before the visit to Britain next week of President Clinton..............................**Page 2**

Leeson in court

Nick Leeson is expected to make his first appearance before a Singapore court today after his extradition from Germany ......**Page 3**

Sister's 'campaign'

An MP's sister hated him so much that she sought to destroy him by making allegations of homosexual liaisons to a national newspaper, a libel jury was told ....**Page 5**

West begins sentence

Rosemary West was under continuous observation in the hospital wing of Durham jail at the start of her life sentence for the murder of ten girls and young women .... **Page 6**

Divorce vote

Voters in the Irish Republic go to the polls today to decide whether to lift the constitutional ban on divorce. Opinion polls say supporters and opponents are evenly matched ....**Page 8**

Loan defaulters

One in eight students with a government loan is unlikely ever to repay the debt, a report published today says. The figure is likely to be a further blow to privatisation of the scheme ....**Page 10**

Egypt crackdown

Egypt, intensifying its fight against an Islamic takeover, jailed 54 members of the Muslim Brotherhood and shut its Cairo headquarters...................**Page 13**

Immunity lifted

The Spanish Congress voted in secret to lift the parliamentary immunity of José Barrionuevo, a former Interior Minister, so that he can be questioned over anti-terrorist squads.............. **Page 14**

Britons back EU

A narrow majority of Britons believe that the United Kingdom should hand over more power to the European Union, says a Europe-wide survey........ **Page 15**

Serbs agree deal

Bosnian Serb leaders agreed to accept the Bosnian peace deal negotiated by President Milosevic of Serbia, despite objections to key parts of it .... **Pages 16, 17**

Time is running out for GMT

■ The British could soon set their clocks in time with the rest of Europe. The Tory backbencher John Butterfill came first in the annual ballot of MPs to introduce a Private Member's Bill and decided to sponsor a Bill scrapping Greenwich Mean Time. The Bill, which is unlikely to be opposed by the Government, would lead to the adoption of Central European Time. **Page 1**

NASA

The Russian space station Mir high above the earth this week when it was photographed from the space shuttle Atlantis

BUSINESS

Electric shock: More than half a million small shareholders lost out on profits of almost £8 a share when the President of the Board of Trade, referred two bids to the MMC.................................**Page 25**

Water bids: The City expects further bid action after Northumbrian Water recommended that shareholders accept an £823 million offer from Lyonnaise des Eaux. **Page 25**

Dawn raid: Kvaerner, the Norwegian group which is Britain's biggest commercial shipbuilder, is considering a bid for AMEC, the construction group.............**Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 29.9 to 3,602.5. Sterling climbed from 82.8 to 83.1 after a rise from $1.5610 to $1.5629 and from DM2.1987 to DM2.2096...........................**Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe scored centuries in England's total of 316 for four declared on the first day of the match against Free State, who replied with 36 for no wicket .... **Page 48**

Football: It is hard to determine whether the English club game is held more in contempt than ridicule after Blackburn Rovers' defeat in Moscow .... **Page 48**

Rugby union: Simon Mitchell, Brian Moore's rival as hooker for Harlequins, has been added to the England squad but there is still no place for Moore................. **Page 46**

Snooker: The BBC have paid £18 million to retain coverage until 2001 of the Embassy world championship, together with three other leading tournaments......... **Page 48**

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Shame about the words: English National Opera's new production of *Turandot*, with mostly incomprehensible diction, raises several questions about the future of the company, says Rodney Milnes....................................**Page 35**

Desire in Kilburn: A new staging of O'Neill's steamy *Desire Under the Elms* has opened at the Tricycle in Kilburn...............................**Page 35**

High flyer: A fine American countertenor, Brian Asawa, gave an impressive recital at the Wigmore Hall accompanied by fortepianist Melvyn Tan.........................**Page 35**

Pop on Friday: Alan Jackson on Enya, the beguiling songster of the New Age; David Sinclair on albums; Caitlin Moran on the art of pop photography ....**Page 36, 37**

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Valerie Grove: "Even intelligent people ask me if I think Rosemary West is guilty. That is not a question for me." Richard Ferguson, QC, on his role as a defence lawyer ....**Page 18**

Fair lady: Sam Fairbairn nursed her husband devotedly until his death last February. Then she discovered his love-child .... **Page 19**

EDUCATION

Schools week: The Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, tells John O'Leary why she believes in league tables — and how she is planning to improve them..................**Page 39**

THE PAPERS

Life in the grim solitude she will be forced to inhabit for her own safety is a prospect far more fitting for this evil woman than the quick release of execution

— *Evening Standard*

Our current troubles would, of course, appear laughable to those first celebrants at Plymouth colony, or to the war-torn nation in which Abraham Lincoln proclaimed this a national holiday 132 years ago. That's all the more reason to think about our great fortune today

— *The Washington Post*

Buying good relations with China at the expense of Mr Wei and the many other Chinese citizens who seek greater democracy is a deal Washington must decline

— *The New York Times*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FREE BOOKS
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■ Ginny Dougary meets Jean Paul Gaultier, the 43-year-old *enfant terrible*

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Preview: Stephanie Calman's spiky comedy finds women behaving badly. *Dressing For Breakfast* (Channel 4, 9.00pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss on doctors who get struck off...........................**Page 41**

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Select status

Allowing a school to become partially selective is not the same as turning it into a grammar school.................................**Page 21**

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Had the West been more decisive earlier, this would not be such an unsatisfactory peace..........**Page 21**

Lift the ban

Quietly and steadily, Ireland is moving away from the Orange caricature of a country governed from Rome...................................**Page 21**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

I am entirely ignorant in the behaviour of wild animals, or indeed caterpillars, but even I can understand that if you take a jungle tiger weighing five hundred pounds, and feed it only every four or five days, the tiger is likely to eat *anything in sight which it believes* edible, including mice, stray dogs, visitors, the railings, and *in extremis*, Mr Aspinall .... **Page 20**

TERENCE KEALEY

Mr Major has finally realised that the two richest industrial countries in the world, on a *per capita* basis, are Switzerland and Japan, and that they are the least taxed of industrialised nations .... **Page 20**

PHILIP HOWARD

Rosemary West's ghastly trial marked the end of any thought of the English murder as a popular art form .... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

The public is increasingly sceptical about what MPs do on their behalf. A growing number believe MPs are interested only in votes, not their opinions.......................**Page 12**

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Professor C. A. Meier, Jungian anaylst; **Peter Grant**, rock manager; **the Rev David Wild**; **Brian Hill**, former chief executive, Lancashire County Council.........**Page 23**

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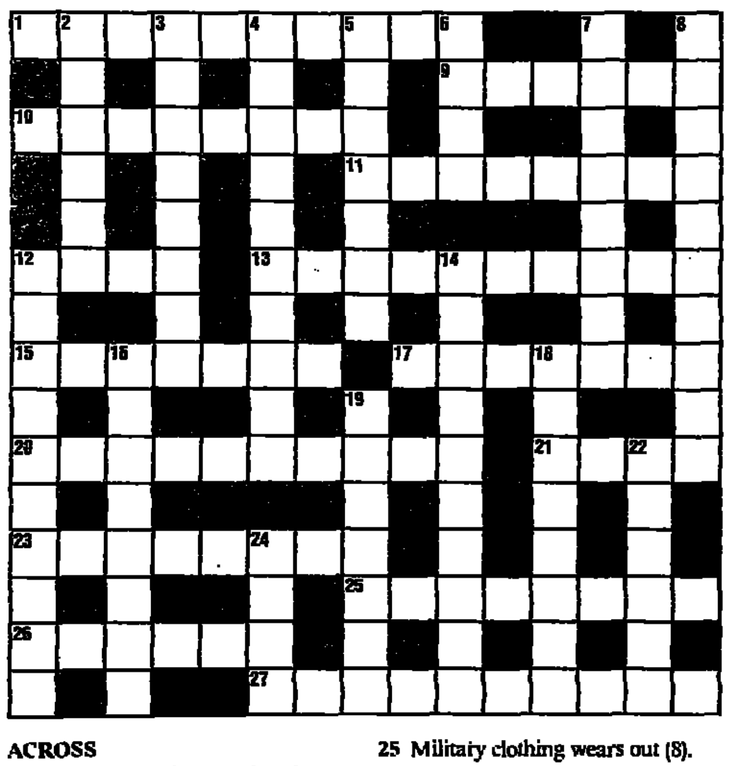

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1 It's sinful making love in a house in America (10).
9 Bill doesn't close back door (6).
10 Don's father overwhelmed by back taxes (8).
11 The look of Cumberland (8).
12 Engagement makes each side happy — to start with (4).
13 "Benighted!" I shall say, again and again (10).
15 Knits up woolly — it's out of this world (7).
17 Part of group comprising members of FBI (7).
20 Start to control and cheat worker (4,2,4).
21 Appreciates having somewhere to live (4).
23 50% of score, about, in piece of writing for organ (8).
25 Military clothing wears out (8).
26 Among colonels, one admiral stands out (6).
27 Changes in relation to religious freedom (10).

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2 Stick in one-metre stake (6).
3 Outsider, for ages second, much fancied to win (4,4).
4 You must mix it in — and I do, too (2,8).
5 Unusual dance card (7).
6 Put up excellent performance (4).
7 The cheapest way to travel was always in a coach (8).
8 Plan put process out of kilter (10).
12 Girl heartlessly gossiping, distorting the facts (10).
14 Take steps to avoid going under (5,5).
16 Not so affectionately, not so thoroughly, embracing relatives (8).
18 The witching hour, when damsel wants a champion, they say (8).
19 Painstaking judge wearing old-fashioned headgear (7).
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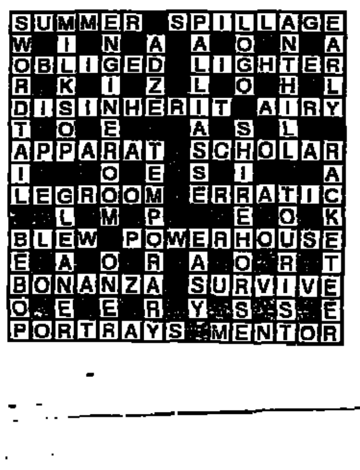

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 2.1in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 3.6hr

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will be largely cloudy. Over eastern Scotland there will be rain at times and some brighter spells. Western and northern Scotland will be wet and windy with heavy rain and gales. Over Northern Ireland rain is expected to become heavier through the day.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N England:** mostly cloudy, a few bright spells, mainly dry. Wind south, fresh. Mild. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** cloudy, rain at times. Wind south, strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** rain at times, at times heavy. Wind south to southwest, fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** mainly cloudy, a few bright spells, rain at times. Wind south, fresh to strong. Mild. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** windy with heavy rain. Wind north, becoming northeast, strong to gale. Turning colder. Max 8C (46F)

☐ **N Ireland:** rain at times, becoming heavier later. Wind southwest, moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ ***Outlook for the weekend:*** mainly dry in the south and east. Rain at times in the north and west.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.0	-	14	57	s
Anglesey	0.1	0.04	13	55	d
Aspatria	-	-	12	54	c
Aviemore	0.1	0.12	12	54	r
Belfast	-	0.01	13	55	c
Birmingham	0.4	-	11	52	d
Bognor R	0.3	-	12	54	c
Bournem'th	-	-	13	55	d
Bristol	0.1	-	13	55	c
Buxton	-	-	10	50	d
Cardiff	0.3	-	13	55	c
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	3.6	-	11	52	b
Doncaster	X				
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	0.4	-	13	55	c
Edinburgh	1.3	-	14	57	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.08	11	52	d
Exmouth	0.3	-	13	55	c
Falmouth	X				
Fishguard	X				
Folkestone	0.1	-	12	54	c
Glasgow	1.3	0.09	13	55	r
Guernsey	0.1	-	13	55	c
Hastings	0.2	-	13	55	c
Hayling I.	0.2	-	12	54	sh
Herne Bay	0.1	-	12	54	c
Hove	-	-	13	55	c
Hunstanton	3.4	-	11	52	s
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	-	-	13	55	c
Jersey	-	-	13	56	du
Kinloss	2.6	0.03	15	59	r
Leeds	2.3	-	12	54	b
Lerwick	-	0.57	10	50	d
Leuchars	0.8	0.01	14	57	c
Littlehmptn	X				
Liverpool	0.2	0.01	13	55	d
London	0.3	-	12	54	c
Lowestoft	1.9	-	10	50	c
Manchester	0.1	0.01	12	54	r
Margate	0.9	-	12	54	c
Minehead	2.5	-	13	55	b
Morecambe	-	-	12	54	c
Newcastle	0.2	-	13	55	b
Newquay	-	0.01	13	55	c
Norwich	2.1	-	12	54	b
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	0.1	-	12	54	c
Penzance	X				
Plymouth	X				
Poole	-	-	12	54	c
Prestatyn	X	-	13	55	c
Ross-o-wye	0.4	-	12	54	c
Ryde	X				
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	0.1	-	13	55	c
Sauntn Snd	0.6	-	14	57	du
Scarboro'	1.3	-	12	54	c
Shanklin	0.3	0.01	13	55	c
Shrewsbury	0.1	-	13	55	c
Skegness	3.0	-	11	52	c
Southend	X				
Southport	0.6	-	12	54	c
Southsea	-	-	13	55	d
St. Ives	X				
Stornoway	-	0.97	10	50	r
Swanage	0.1	-	13	55	d
Teignmouth	1.7	-	14	57	sh
Tenby	X				
Tiree	-	0.65	12	54	r
Torquay	1.8	-	14	57	c
Tynemouth	X				
Ventnor	0.2	-	13	55	c
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	0.2	-	14	57	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	59	s	Corfu	12	54	s	Majorca	15	59	r	Rome	12	54	s
Akrotiri	14	57	f	C'phagn	5	41	fg	Malaga	21	70	s	S Frisco	13	55	c
Alex'dria	16	61	r	Dublin	13	55	c	Malta	16	61	f	S Paulo	24	75	c
Algiers	15	59	f	Dubrovnik	9	48	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	2	36	c
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Faro	19	66	s	Mexico C	13	55	f	Santiago	26	79	s
Athens	11	52	s	Florence	7	45	c	Miami	16	61	s	Seoul	2	36	f
B Aires	19	66	s	Frankfurt	4	39	c	Milan	6	43	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	26	79	f	Funchal	21	70	c	Montreal	-1	30	-	St'kholm	3	37	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	8	46	c	Moscow	-3	27	c	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Barbados	30	86	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	5	41	c	Sydney	15	59	d
Barcelona	15	59	c	Helsinki	0	32	sn	N Delhi	25	77	s	Tangier	19	66	s
Beirut	13	55	f	Hong K	22	72	s	N York	3	37	s	Tel Aviv	11	52	r
Belgrade	-3	27	c	Innsbrck	3	37	f	Nairobi	24	75	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Berlin	3	37	fg	Istanbul	1	34	sn	Naples	11	52	s	Tokyo	15	59	s
Bermuda	22	72	c	Jeddah	29	84	s	Nice	11	52	c	Toronto	0	32	c
Biarritz	14	57	f	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Oslo	3	37	d	Tunis	19	66	f
Borde'x	11	52	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	16	61	f
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Budapest	-2	28	s	Le Touqet	12	54	f	Perth	27	81	s	Venice	5	41	s
Cairo	16	61	f	Lisbon	15	59	s	Prague	-1	30	c	Vienna	-3	27	d
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Locarno	6	43	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	sn	Warsaw	-4	25	s
Ch'church	15	59	-	Luxembg	7	45	c	Rhodes	11	52	s	Wash'ton	0	32	c
Chicago	-7	19	s	Luxor	19	66	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	17	63	-
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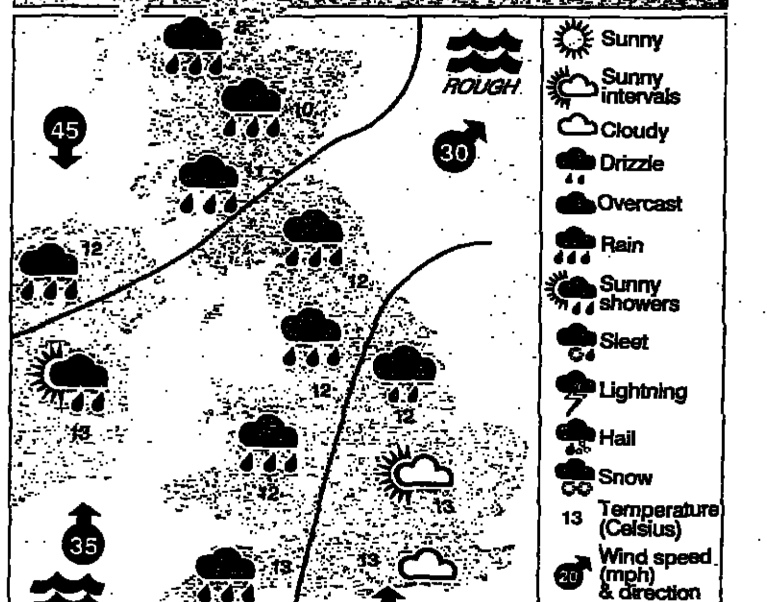

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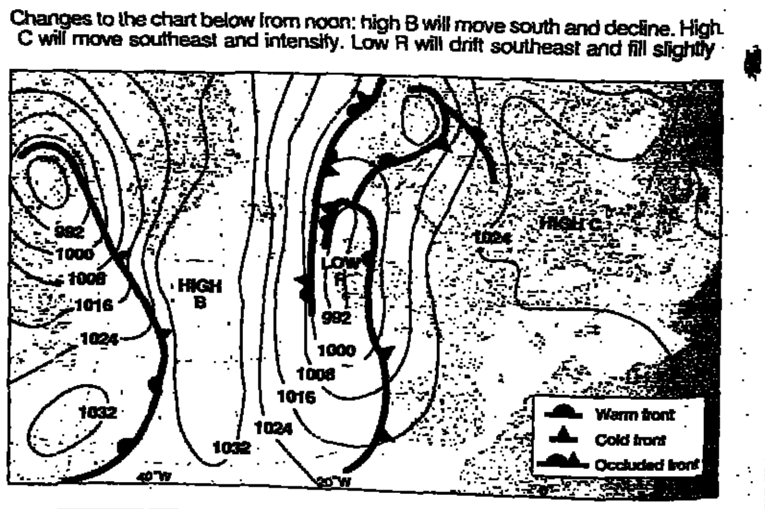

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Aberdeen	1:56	4.58	2:16	4.58
Avonmouth	7.56	13.99	8.22	13.91
Belfast	11:43	3.60	—	—
Cardiff	7:55	12.25	8.15	12.10
Devonport	6:35	5.74	7:02	5.60
Dover	11:36	7.02	—	—
Dublin	0:00	4.36	0:18	4.42
Falmouth	5:42	5.34	6:06	5.29
Glasgow	10:50	3.81	1.56	4.68
Harwich	0:21	4.18	0.43	4.26
Holyhead	10:59	6.01	11:27	5.86
Hull	6:57	7.81	7:17	7.79
Ilfracombe	6.38	9.95	7:01	9.82
King's Lynn	6:53	7.22	7:14	7.30

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	3:10	6.03	3:32	6.95
Liverpool	11:59	10.08	—	—
Lowestoft	10:14	2.71	10:32	2.70
Margate	0:33	4.93	0:57	5.01
Milford Haven	6:54	7.51	7:17	7.39
Newquay	5:43	7.15	6:08	7.12
Oban	6:20	4.21	6:36	4.19
Penzance	5:20	5.75	5:42	5.59
Portland	7:32	2.33	7:56	2.15
Portsmouth	—	—	0:09	4.94
Shoreham	11:59	6.62	—	—
Southampton	11:29	4.91	11:54	4.76
Swansea	7:02	9.96	7:28	9.89
Tees	4:18	5.66	4:35	5.69
W'ton-on-Nze	0.12	4.50	0:35	4.61

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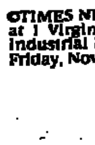

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Moon sets: 6.12 pm

Moon rises: 9.15 am

London 4.01 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 4.11 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 3.52 pm to 8.08 am
Manchester 4.01 pm to 7.52 am
Penzance 4.28 pm to 7.50 am

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Power shares hit as DTI refers NatPower and PowerGen

Lang sends generators' bids to MMC

By Martin Waller, deputy city editor

IAN LANG has dramatically intervened in the scramble for Britain's regional electricity companies by referring takeover bids by PowerGen and National Power to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Lang, President of the Board of Trade, ordered an inquiry into the £1.95 billion bid by PowerGen for Midlands Electricity and the £2.8 billion bid by National Power for Southern Electric, putting on hold potential profits of almost £8 a share for more than half a million small shareholders.

Analysts were dismayed at the decision, which left shares across the sector reeling. But it was welcomed by consumer groups, who have opposed both takeovers.

"It is extraordinary and absolutely bizarre. It counters all the signals Ian Lang has given so far," said Marshall Whiting at Strauss Turnbull.

The two were part of a wave of bids in the power industry that has left just three of the 12 distribution companies, or Recs, in England and Wales untouched by takeover activity. But objectors had claimed that they reduced competition in the industry by allowing generating companies to bid for distributors, in contravention of the barriers between the two put in place when electricity was privatised five years ago.

Both generators were disappointed, but National Power was the more outspoken, apparently putting itself on collision course with the industry regulator. Early last month, when the deal was announced, the company said it was putting up for auction 4,000 MW of spare power plant that Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, had asked it to sell by the end of this year.

In a veiled threat to the authorities, however, Keith Henry, the chief executive, said the reference created "considerable uncertainty", and the company was concerned whether the proposed plant sale could now be completed.

The two Recs, along with the other ten, were privatised at 240p a share in December 1990. National Power had offered £10.10 a share and PowerGen £10, and both had taken a gamble on their offers going through without regulatory intervention by taking large stakes in their prey. The larger of the two holdings, PowerGen's 21 per cent of Midlands, cost just short of £400 million, and on last night's share price the company was sitting on a loss of almost £20 million.

Lang has said that at this stage, more than two years ahead of the arrival of full competition in electricity supply, someone must say how far the wholesale dismemberment of the sector should go.

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Mr Lang said that while in general he did not believe that vertical integration of the kind under consideration was "inherently objectionable", in these two cases the structural change proposed could have an effect on the development of competition in the industry.

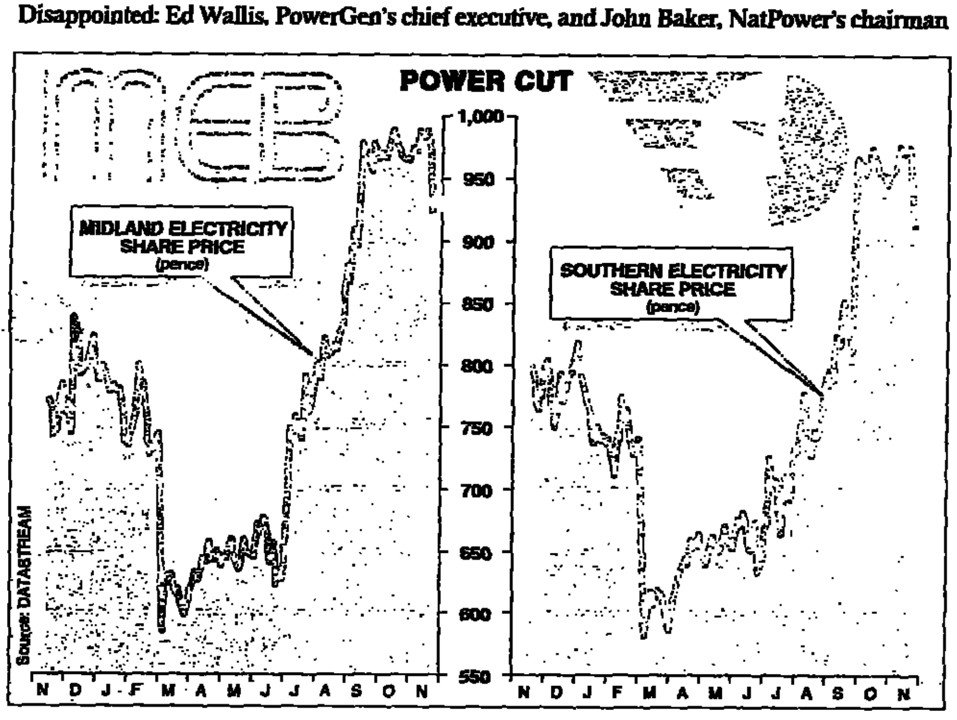
Under the timetable laid down by the Government, the supply of power to domestic consumers is opened up entirely to competition by spring 1998. Consumer groups had suggested that if a generator were allowed to own the means of distribution, this would provide a captive market.

Shares in Southern tumbled 62p to 913p, while Midlands was off 59p to 918p. The generators also suffered, PowerGen falling 21p to 540p while National Power was 16p lower at 478p. Although it had been regarded as a near-run thing, the market had on balance expected the deals to go through. The only other generator-distributor merger, ScottishPower's hostile bid for Manweb, had been waved through despite protests, but the two operate in different areas of the country.

Nigel Hawkins, analyst at Yamaichi International, said: "Certainly the decision was surprising. It does provide a line in the sand between generators taking over distributors and ScottishPower being able to buy Manweb. Market share in England and Wales is important, but perhaps political pressures are too."

The Lang decision was welcomed by Professor Littlechild, who along with the Office of Fair Trading, had called for a reference.

Disappointed: Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, and John Baker, NatPower's chairman



POWER CUT

Source: DATASTREAM

Shake-up at Stock Exchange under way

By Melvyn Marckus
city editor

A MAJOR shake-up of the Stock Exchange's regulatory operations, including its surveillance of suspected insider dealing activities, is in progress.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that the Stock Exchange has decided to merge its supervision and surveillance units within its market regulation department.

Dan Sheridan, who formerly spearheaded market supervision, will emerge as head of both operations and will report directly to Richard Kilsby, the Stock Exchange's director of market services. Mr Kilsby, a former managing director of Bankers Trust, is responsible for all the Tower's regulatory activities.

Mike Feltham, who heads the Stock Exchange's surveillance activities, primarily involving investigations into suspected insider dealing activities and market manipulation, will now focus on the way in which such operations interface with other authorities and regulatory bodies.

These include the Department of Trade and Industry, the Serious Fraud Office, the Securities and Futures Authority and the Securities and Investments Board.

The streamlining of regulatory operations at the Stock Exchange coincides with speculation that SIB, the City's principal watchdog authority led by Andrew Large, is intent on extending its regulatory powers. SIB, unlike the Stock Exchange, does not enjoy the powers to prosecute.

Michael Lawrence, chief executive of the Stock Exchange, confirmed last night that a reorganisation of the Exchange's regulatory department was being implemented. He added: "We are obviously keen to improve the effectiveness of the whole regulatory operation because it can affect the reputation of the London market."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3602.5	(-29.9)
Yield	3.97%	
FT-SE A All share	1764.38	(-12.22)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	Closed	
S&P Composite	----	

US RATE

Federal Funds	Closed	(5$\frac{11}{16}$%)
Long Bond	----	(107$\frac{21}{32}$)
Yield	---	(6.26%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$\frac{21}{32}$%	(6$\frac{21}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	109$\frac{1}{8}$	(108$\frac{27}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	Closed	(1.5637)
London:		
$	1.5635	(1.5629)
DM	2.2104	(2.1992)
FFr	7.6100	(7.5850)
SFr	1.7785	(1.7737)
Yen	157.29	(157.25)
£ Index	83.1	(82.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	Closed	(1.4104)
FFr	---	(4.8595)
SFr	----	(1.1367)
Yen	---	(100.90)
$ Index	92.8	(92.8)

Tokyo close Yen Closed

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb)	$16.56	($16.55)

GOLD

London close	$382.85	($384.95)

CBI warning

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry warn that interest rates may have to rise if the Chancellor makes large tax cuts in next week's Budget. The CBI's industrial trends survey also shows a continuing weakening in demand. **Page 26**

Water plans

North West Water, which recently completed its £1.8 billion purchase of Norweb, accompanied a 21 per cent rise in first-half profits with plans to restructure the combined group in a bid to reduce the number of regulated businesses. **Page 27**

Kvaerner may go all out for Amec

By Colin Narbrough and Alasdair Murray

KVAERNER, Britain's largest commercial shipbuilder, was last night considering whether to launch a takeover bid for Amec after acquiring a 10 per cent stake in the construction and contracting group in a £20 million dawn raid.

Amec shares shot up by 27 per cent to close at 99p, just below Kvaerner's 100p buying price, valuing the company at £354 million.

After a hastily-arranged meeting with Sir Alan Cockshaw, the Amec chairman and chief executive, at Amec's Baker Street head office in London, Erik Tönseth, the Kvaerner chief executive, said the Norwegian company was now considering all options.

Kvaerner's raid makes the company the second largest shareholder behind Phillips and Drew Fund Management, which has 14 per cent.

Amec looks set to resist any offer from Kvaerner, claiming yesterday that the potential offer price of £1 a share grossly undervalued the company.

Amec has been hit badly by the slump in the construction industry. At the half-year stage its profits fell by one-third to £6.1 million. The company's response has sought to refocus on high margin specialist work through a partnership scheme and to look abroad for new contracts.

London-listed Kvaerner employs about 4,000 in Britain.

Sir Rocco confident of fending off Granada

By Eric Reguly

SIR Rocco Forte, the chairman of the Forte hotels and catering group, said yesterday that Granada's £3.4 billion takeover attempt was poorly timed, illogical and would not lead to a further restructuring.

His comments came as the City took the view that Forte will have a hard time remaining independent or, if it comes to it, attracting a white knight. One senior investment banker said: "Forte is probably a goner. Granada will just have to come up with a face-saving few more pence in the end."

Sir Rocco, however, seemed confident of fending off Granada. "We plan to focus principally on the inadequacy of their bid, proving that we can create more shareholder value than they can. They're taking a leap in the dark."

Forte has eight hotel chains, from "exclusive" hotels such as London's Waldorf to the budget Travelodges in the US. Granada has said it would merge some and sell others. Sir Rocco said Forte was already doing just that. A couple of small chains have been sold. He added that he intends to sell the Lillywhites sports shops and the 25 per cent stake in Alpha Airports Group.

Sir Rocco said even the "trophy" hotels were not sacred. "I'm not committed to owning anything. But I would have made a big mistake if I had sold the trophy hotels in recession. They're beginning to turn around now."

Alex Kyriakidis, head of the hotels practice at Arthur Andersen, the consultancy, said that a counterbid was unlikely to emerge. Suntory, the Japanese drinks group, yesterday denied a report that it planned to top Granada's bid.

☐ Fees for all the advisers to Granada and Forte will run to more than £30 million. The three financial advisers, Lazard Brothers for Granada and SBC Warburg and Morgan Stanley for Forte, could share about £15 million.

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Northumbrian accepts Lyonnaise offer

By Alasdair Murray

THE City is anticipating further bid action in the water sector after Northumbrian Water yesterday became the first water and sewerage company to succumb to a takeover.

Northumbrian's board recommended that shareholders accept an offer from the French company Lyonnaise des Eaux which values the company at £823 million, well above City expectations. The offer comprises £11.65 in cash and 14p as a special dividend for each share.

Although the sector is unlikely to witness a bid frenzy on the same lines as the electricity sector, Lyonnaise has opened the door for other potential buyers, and bids are expected to emerge shortly from European utilities or American electricity companies. The most likely targets are believed to be Severn Trent, Southern and Yorkshire Water.

The takeover still has to be cleared by the European Commission, although Lyonnaise was not anticipating any serious opposition last night. During the eight-month battle, Northumbrian's stock market value has risen nearly 60 per cent, to nearly twice the sector average and almost five times its floatation price of 240p.

Sir Frederick Holliday, Northumbrian chairman, has a clear view

Customers in the North East will benefit from a 15 per cent price reduction for their water supply over the next six years, negotiated by Lyonnaise with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission as part of the takeover terms.

Lyonnaise will launch a cost-cutting exercise by merging Northumbrian with its existing subsidiary, North East Water, although as part of the agreement with Northumbrian it has given assurances that there will be no compulsory redundancies.

A new holding company, Northumbrian Water Group, to be created, will include Lyonnaise's two other UK interests, Essex and Southern Water, although they will continue to operate under separate licences.

The new company will be headed by Sir Frederick Holliday, Northumbrian chairman, who will also take a seat on the Lyonnaise board, while David Cranston, Northumbrian chief executive, will stay on as joint managing director. The new group, serving 4.2 million customers, will be floated in the UK by 2005.

Northumbrian's 3,000 employees stand to make a total of £20 million in share options from the deal, while David Cranston holds share options worth £1 million and Mike Taylor, finance director, has options worth £833,000.

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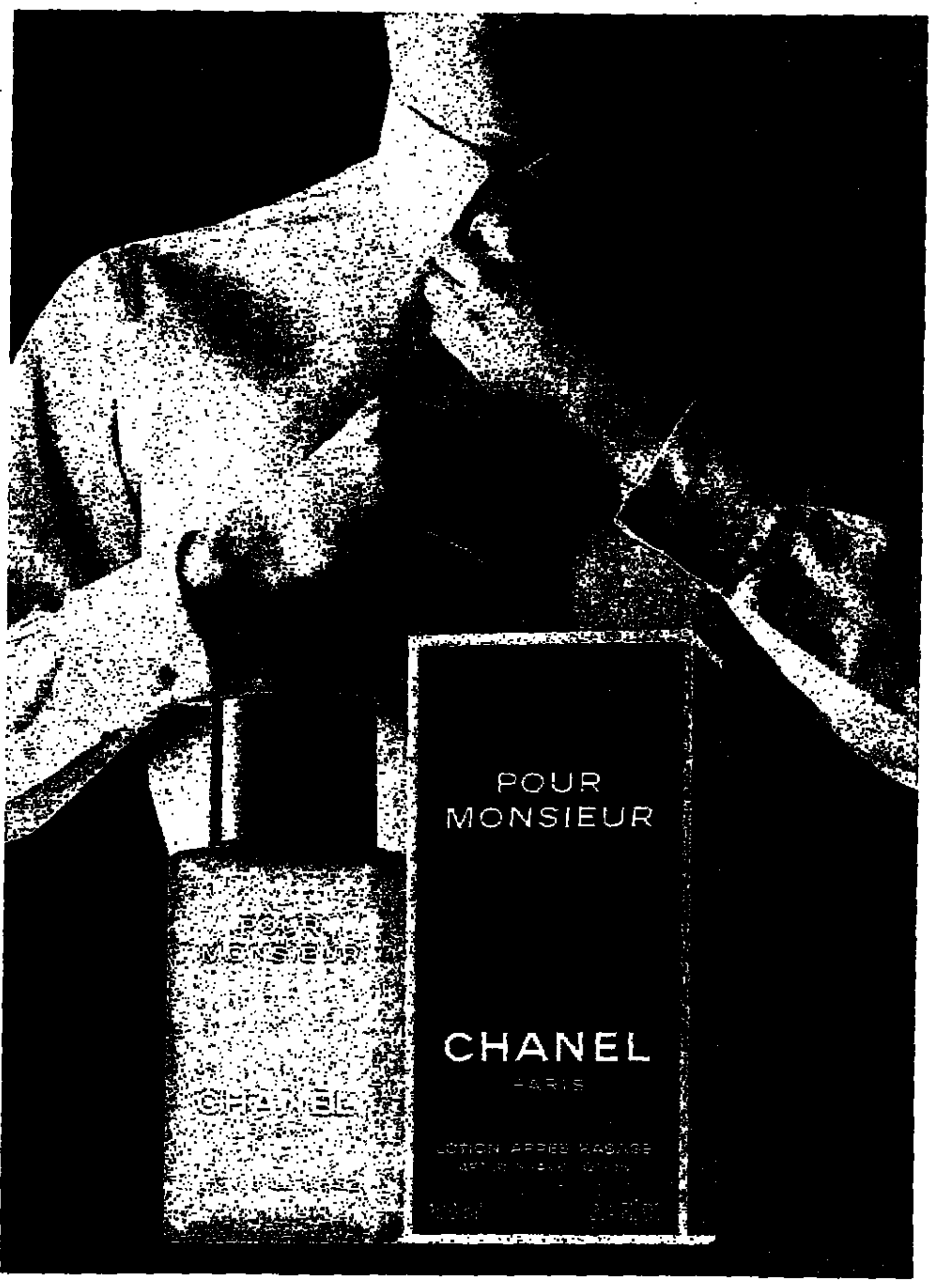

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CHANEL

Babcock to cut activity in Germany

By Carl Mortished

BABCOCK International is to shut a large part of its German manufacturing activities, which have been hit by the strength of the Deutschmark. The engineering group, which sold 75 per cent of its energy division to Mitsui in August, has embarked on a radical restructuring of its materials handling business, which fell into loss in the half year to September 30.

Babcock yesterday announced pre-tax interim profits of £19.2 million, up from £2.8 million. The results include an exceptional gain of £26 million from the energy division sale, and a £9 million charge for restructuring materials handling. Excluding the two items, profits were unchanged at £2.8 million, but the company declared its first interim dividend since 1992, of 1.25p a share.

Restructuring the materials handling division will eliminate 200 jobs in Germany, where sales have suffered from an 18 per cent rise in the mark against the dollar. John Parker, chairman, said that Babcock intended to change from a manufacturer to an engineering design house. "We want to take capacity down and subcontract manufacturing in low-cost Far Eastern countries," he said.

After the restructuring, German manufacturing capacity will fall by 35 per cent, leaving 10 per cent of the division's turnover linked to manufacturing.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.06
Austria Sch	16.51	15.01
Belgium Fr	48.30	44.00
Canada $	2.219	2.059
Cyprus Cyp£	0.742	0.687
Denmark Kr	9.15	8.35
Finland Mkk	7.15	6.50
France Fr	8.01	7.36
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	379.89	354.89
Hong Kong $	12.71	11.71
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1600	4.5100
Italy Lira	2587.00	2432.00
Japan Yen	171.69	155.69
Malta	0.560	0.535
Netherlds Gld	2.621	2.391
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.31	9.51
Portugal Esc	241.50	223.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.37
Spain Pta	195.50	182.50
Sweden Kr	10.79	9.99
Switzerland Fr	1.91	1.73
Turkey Lira	refer	79335.0
USA $	1.658	1.528

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

GILL ALLEN

Nick Salmon, left, Babcock chief executive, and John Parker, chairman, inspect a Railcare coach conversion

CBI urges tax curb in Budget giveaway

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders give a warning today that interest rates may have to rise if Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, makes large tax cuts in next week's Budget.

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry say that large tax giveaways would put at risk the Government's chances of meeting its inflation target. The CBI's latest industrial trends survey today shows a continuing weakening in demand.

The CBI warning increases the concern by business about the likely level of tax cuts in the Budget, and their effect on what the CBI says today is already likely to be only "sluggish" economic growth next year.

In its latest economic forecast, the CBI says that slowing economic growth, which is dampening inflationary pressures, coupled with modest tax cuts worth about £3 billion and offset by tightly controlled public spending, would provide for a "sustainable" interest-rate cut of half a point early in the new year.

But if the Chancellor cuts taxes next week by "a significantly greater amount without an equal and credible cut in public spending", that might lead to an upward pressure on inflation.

So instead of falling, interest rates might have to rise again to offer the prospect of the Government meeting its inflation target of below the midpoint of a 1 to 4 per cent range.

Kate Barker, CBI chief economic adviser, called for a "prudent" Budget, saying: "With the recent slower rate of growth now expected to persist over the next few months, inflationary pressures in the economy have lessened. The balance of risks points more to concern over weaker growth than over higher inflation."

The CBI predicts growth across the economy of 2.5 per cent next year, down from 2.8 per cent in its last forecast in August, though it suggests growth then increasing to 2.8 per cent in 1997. Manufacturing output is also forecast to grow strongly over the next two years.

The confederation is trimming its forecast for headline retail price inflation, and says what it sees as a tightening labour market is likely to lead to some upward pressures on average earnings growth.

CBI analysts see consumer spending, forecast to rise by 2.4 per cent next year, set to underpin economic growth over the next two years and an increasing contribution to growth coming from investment by private business.

The confederation's monthly trends survey for November, published today with the forecast, shows a fall in demand for manufactured goods, as well as a slight pick-up in price expectations. The CBI says though this mainly reflects revisions to price lists normal at the turn of the year.

Output expectations are easing slightly and companies still consider stocks of finished products more than adequate to meet demand. Sudhir Junankar, economic analysis associate director, says: "These results confirm that the manufacturing recovery has slowed, with domestic demand remaining weak and export orders losing their upward momentum."

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Greenbury guide 'under threat'

By Robert Miller

A GROUP of powerful industrialists is trying to stop the implementation of the Greenbury guidelines on pay and perks for company executives, according to a senior City figure.

Geoff Lindey, chairman of the investment committee of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF), whose members are responsible for £300 billion of assets, said that many industrialists saw Greenbury as a threat and not as a positive move to improve communications between companies and their shareholders.

Mr Lindey, who was speaking at the NAPF's autumn conference in London yesterday, added that if those who so vigorously opposed more openness on controversial issues such as directors' remuneration packages were successful then "they will have scored an own goal of major proportions and tough legislation will surely follow".

He said that those company directors who set clearly defined performance targets and met them should be handsomely rewarded, but there should be no reward for failure.

Ann Robinson, director-general of the NAPF, told 350 delegates that more needed to be done to encourage people to take up occupational schemes, which were declining in number. A wider range of employers should be persuaded to provide them, she said.

David Morgan, vice-chairman of the NAPF, said that the divorce provisions in the Pensions Act did not go nearly far enough. He advocated that the Divorce Bill in the next parliamentary session should allow couples "to make a clean break in their pension provision".

Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, said in his closing address: "The biggest long-term problem all governments face is paying for pensions for an ageing population. A recent OECD study shows that Britain is uniquely successful in preparing for that problem by encouraging funded private pensions . . . As a result, we have built up £500 billion of funds invested for Britain's future pensioners."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Buyback proposed for Littlewoods

THE BATTLE for control of Littlewoods took a new turn yesterday when the board told the 32 members of the Moores family that own the retailing and pools business that the company could afford to buy back up to £250 million worth of shares, but that this would prompt a need to make disposals.

The board's proposal follows the emergence of a "possible" £1.2 billion offer from Barry Dale, who was ousted as chief executive last year. The Littlewoods board is proposing that shareholders complete a review of options open to the company — a process that began before Mr Dale indicated his intentions and which is near completion — before deciding on its future ownership. This would not rule out a sale or flotation later. The buyback proposal has been made to cater for shareholders wishing to reduce or sell their shareholdings immediately. Based on net assets, £250 million could buy a third of the company's equity. An EGM is to be held on December 7.

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Chloride advances

CHLORIDE, the electronics group that is emerging from a lengthy period of restructuring, lifted pre-tax profits to £3.54 million from £1.04 million in the half-year to September 30. Operating profits from continuing operations increased to £2.59 million from £1.43 million. Disposals included the Nigerian and South African battery interests in the latest phase of the refocusing of the business. Earnings were 0.6p a share, compared with 0.3p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.133p a share from 0.1p, payable on January 26.

News International

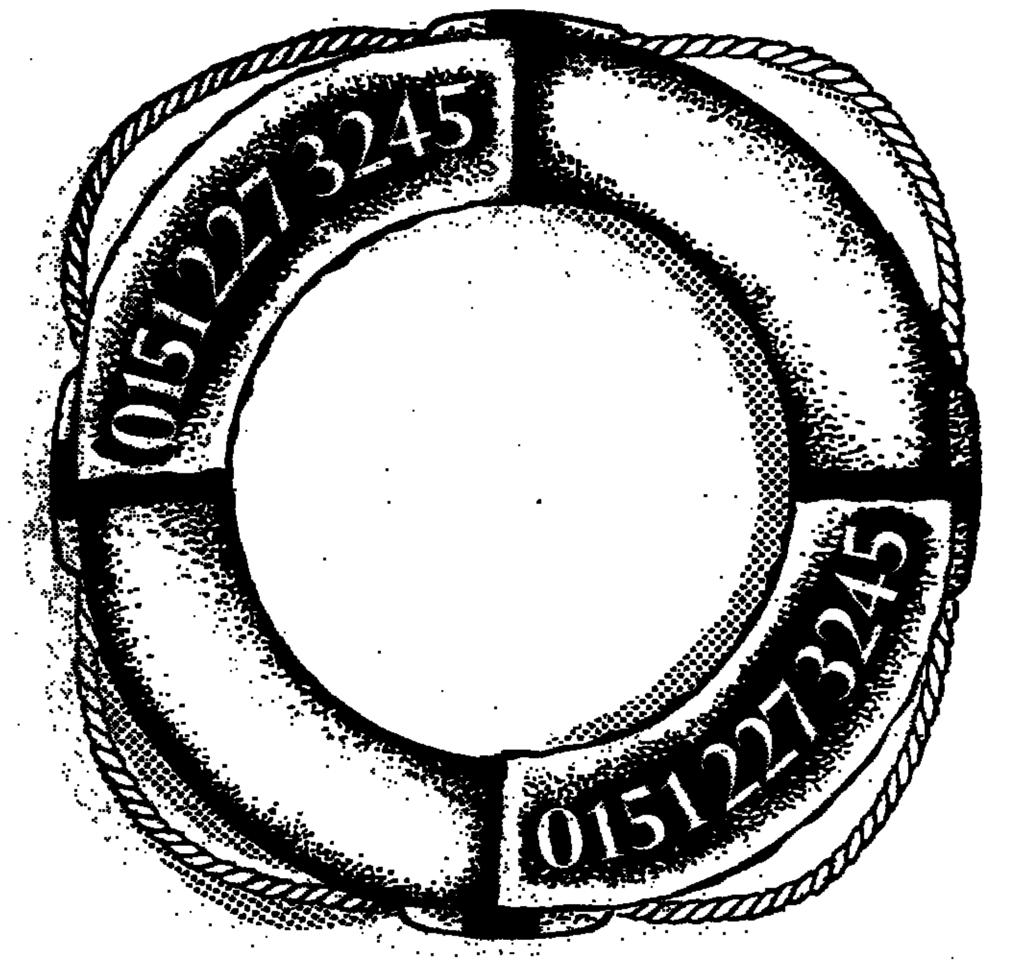
LES HINTON, the executive chairman of News International, owner of *The Times*, takes on the responsibilities of chief executive officer following the departure of Bill O'Neill. Mr O'Neill, the managing director of News International from 1987 to 1990, resumes his role of executive vice-president, human resources worldwide, for The News Corporation. He returned to News International as chief executive officer in March. Mr Hinton joined News International in August and was previously the chief executive of News America Publishing.

US offer for Gartmore

NATIONSBANK, the American bank, is understood to have made an unofficial offer worth at least 280p a share for Gartmore, valuing the British fund management house at a minimum of £564 million. France's Banque Indosuez is seeking buyers for its 75 per cent interest in Gartmore and its advisers will now consider offers in excess of the bid by NationsBank, which has an existing joint venture with Gartmore. The stock market showed little reaction as Gartmore closed just 1p lower at 285p yesterday.

Pensions ruling date

A BENCHMARK ruling upon which the claims for backdated benefits from occupational pensions schemes of 60,000 part-time employees depend will be announced by the Birmingham Industrial Tribunal by December 8. The claims were lodged after a European Court of Justice ruling in September 1994 that employers who bar part-timers from company schemes could be guilty of indirect sex discrimination. The TUC, which is coordinating the claims, said that if the test cases heard by the tribunal are successful total compensation could top £95 million.



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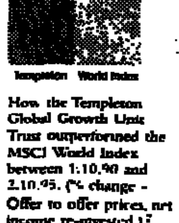

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☐ Lang kicks generators to the MMC ☐ Family shuts the door on Dale ☐ Northumbrian waters down hopes of bonanza

The president exercises power

☐ THE watchdog has barked at last, and not a moment too soon. Only three of the twelve regional electricity companies in England and Wales are not already bid for or in talks with a possible bidder, and there was a danger of the entire sector disappearing from view without any examination by the regulatory authorities who are paid to rule on such things.

This is not a view that is going to cut any ice with those half a million small shareholders who will feel deprived this morning of their just pickings from the great electricity auction, but it is probably the right one for consumers. Investors should not feel too upset, because the President of the Board of Trade, while stopping two bids in their tracks, has not ruled out any others.

The scorecard runs thus. Northern escaped the Trafalgar House bid earlier this year, slimmed down by means of huge payouts to shareholders, and is now a very boring utility, although *it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that* another approach may be made.

South Western Electricity of the UK, Eastern, Manweb and Norweb are under new ownership, with a small rump of their shares still out in the market but soon to be hoovered up.

Seeboard is under agreed offer from South West Corporation of Texas — bear with me, the names are all horribly similar. Precedent, in the shape of South Western Electricity's purchase by the equally confusingly named Southern of Atlanta, Georgia, suggests Seeboard should go through and not be affected by yesterday's ruling from the DTI.

Midlands and Southern, after last night, are back on the market. PowerGen has 21 per cent of Midlands, a useful block to any possible rival offer. National Power is less exposed, with 7 per cent of Southern, but this makes it easier for a rival to sneak in with a bid while the MMC is deliberating.

South Wales is in on-off talks with Welsh Water, which is dithering over whether to bid. The latest signals from the City are that analysts would rather any merged entity be run by Andrew Walker, chief executive of the electricity company, than by the water boys, who are not highly thought of.

The wallflowers, London, Yorkshire and East Midlands are as yet untouched, although the betting is that talks have taken place, but their prince may come. There are plenty of American or continental utilities still keen to get into an industry whose regulation and profits potential compares very favourably with their own.

On this argument, yesterday's share price falls across the sector are overdone. Ian Lang has said that at this stage, more than two years ahead of the arrival of full competition in the supply of electricity to private homes, someone must say how far the wholesale dismemberment of the sector should go. The two generators deserve sympathy, but his decision is the right one.

Littlewoods off the boil

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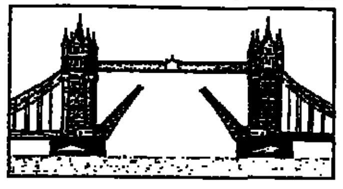


☐ UNTIL yesterday, Littlewoods resembled a boiling kettle with the switch stuck. In the last two months, pressure has built to intolerable levels, leaving the retailing and football pools business whistling and shaking on the brink of an explosion.

The man with his hand pressed firmly down on the switch has been Barry Dale, a former chief executive who is trying to put together a £1.2 billion bid for the family-owned company. Family feuding is not unknown at Littlewoods, or at other similarly dynastic businesses — one thinks of the almighty scraps that have enlivened annual meetings at C&J Clark over the past few years. But the emergence of a possible offer threatened to drive a wedge between the differing camps within the family, leaving little option to the management but to open the doors to other potential bidders.

That was the case until yesterday. Now the management has delivered a decisive strike, leaving Mr Dale about as much chance of gaining control of the group as he has of winning the Littlewoods pools. By proposing a share buyback, the board has found an effective way of letting the steam out of the kettle by giving any disgruntled shareholders an exit.

The board has calculated it can afford to spend up to £250 million buying back shares from any of the 32 family shareholders. This is enough to fund the purchase of about a third of the company's equity, and so enough to cater for all those shareholders who are toying with the idea of freeing up part of the wealth they have tied up in Littlewoods to buy football teams or whatever else takes their fancy.

If a price is found that pleases both the sellers and the stickers, then the company's future will rest in the hands of those shareholders who have a long-term interest in the group, which is as the family would want it. Given this, it would be strange if those shareholders opted to leap into the arms of Mr Dale rather than consider their future course of action in an orderly fashion, particularly as a review of all options open to the business is well under way with the help of Coopers & Lybrand and Michael Gatenby, a former banker.

Less of a splash from the French

☐ EACH interested party has got something out of Northumbrian's agreement of terms with Lyonnaise. In particular employees, including management, will not face compulsory redundancy. That may well justify the hearty handshakes. But just as customers could have done much better from a regulatory auction, so shareholders could have gained even more from a less cosy deal.

Northumbrian is well managed by industry standards. Yet its board has agreed to sell at a 5 per cent discount to the book value of shareholders' funds — signed off by Coopers & Lybrand, its auditors, as a true and fair view. The supposedly generous price paid by Lyonnaise is only 8.5 times earnings, about two-thirds of the market average, and compares with a *minimum* 10.5 times earnings for electricity takeovers.

This is clearly another tribute to the formidable negotiating powers of Lyonnaise, first apparent in its takeover of Essex Water seven years ago and latterly at Ofwat. But it does little to establish what a privatised water group is likely to be worth in a contested takeover.

This has become more relevant because the Northumbrian episode will encourage any further bidders to the sector. Water is not as attractive as electricity because heavy investment needs will in most cases make cash flow negative. Nor are there too many other companies available to bid, excepting the two French contenders.

If it pays North West Water to buy into electricity, however, then water might fit as well into a power group. A utility would also make a calm, solid centre for the sort of company needed to take advantage of the Private Finance Initiative.

At the low rating established by Northumbrian, it would be easy for such buyers to add to earnings per share straight away. But even if bid ratings turn out to be higher than Northumbrian's, investors should not expect too high a price. The company was sold off cheap in the bargain sale that was privatisation in 1989. Investors are now reaping the results of that discount.

North West to shake up joint utility

By Eric Reguly

NORTH West Water, which recently completed its £1.8 billion purchase of Norweb, said the combined group is being restructured in an effort to reduce the number of regulated businesses.

North West and Norweb, which will be known as United Utilities from next year, will see more than 10 per cent of their 16,000 employees extracted from the regulated water and electicity businesses and put into stand-alone companies. Brian Staples, North West's chief executive, *said*: "We're going to completely redesign the group. The idea is to create more non-regulated earnings."

He said, for example, that a procurement division is likely to be created to buy materials and supplies for United Supplies. The division, which would be treated as a profit centre, would offer its services to other water and electricity companies as well.

North West's water-testing laboratory could also be set up as a separate business, offering services to the industry, as could Norweb's meter servicing and testing unit.

Mr Staples would not say how many employees would face redundancy in the restructuring.

Separately, North West said in intends to spend another £75 million, on top of the £345 million already committed, to reduce water leakage from 32 per cent to 25 per cent or less within five years.

News of the restructuring plans came as North West reported a pre-tax profit of £167 million in the half year to the end of September, up 21. The figure includes a £7.2 million profit on the sale of the engineering business to Bechtel, the US construction company.

Turnover increased 8.8 per cent to £531.3 million while earnings per share increased from 37.9p to 39.3p. The interim dividend rises 11 per cent to 9.27p. The next dividend will be paid by United Utilities.

Mr Staples said United *Utilities should* be able to deliver real dividend growth of 8 per cent or greater, against the 7 per cent real growth promised by North West alone. The shares rose 4p to 609p.

JAMES MORGAN

Hamish Bryce, TLG executive chairman, left, with Malcolm Robertson, financial director, expects progress

Growth triples TLG profit to £11.4m

By Colin Narbrough

TLG, Britain's leading light-fitting supplier for the professional market, more than tripled its pre-tax profit in the first half to £11.4 million, buoyed by solid growth in the UK, French and Swedish markets.

The company, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, was the subject of a leveraged buyout in 1993 from Thorn EMI by Investcorp, the Middle East investment group, which has *just floated Gucci, the Italian* luxury goods group.

TLG, floated last November, said interim earnings per share rose to 4.1p from 2.6p. The interim dividend of 1.4p is payable on February 15.

Hamish Bryce, executive chairman, said the board remained confident that by focusing on its international strategy and customers' needs, the group would continue to make "good progress" in the second half, to March 31, in spite of pointers to economic slowdown.

The net profit on ordinary activities jumped to £7.3 million from £2.9 million. Operating profit was 25 per cent *higher at £12 million.* Turnover was 11 per cent ahead at £186 million.Improved sales reflected an increased market share and higher return on sales in each of the company's geographic sectors.

Exco shares fall on profit warning

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

SHARES in Exco, the money broker, lost 15 per cent of their value after the company said profits for the current year would be "markedly below current market estimates".

The shares closed 21p lower at 120p, way behind their 185p high for the year and 175p flotation price in July 1994.

Analysts immediately began to downgrade their profit forecasts for 1995, with James Capel lowering its estimate by £10 million to £18 million. That compares with £43.5 million in 1994.

Carel Mosselmans, chairman, said the company decided to make the warning after continued falls in volumes in wholesale financial markets.

In the first half, Exco's profits fell 42 per cent to £16.1 million and turnover fell 13 per cent to £109.8 million. Mr Mosselmans said the board anticipated a similar reduction in turnover for the full year, which would take the figure down to about £204 million.

In spite of the difficulties, Exco plans to hold its dividend at 9p for the year.

☐ Caledonia Investments, the trading and investment company, nudged its pre-tax profits £100,000 higher to £22.8 million in the half-year to September 30.

Caledonia owns 28.2 per cent of Exco, which, it said, contributed to the downturn in income from associated trading companies, from £13 million to £11.7 million.

The pre-tax figure was boosted by a £1.7 million exceptional profit on the disposal of Clan Asset Management.

The interim dividend is 5.9p (5.7p), payable on January 18.

New line of command at Caradon

By Sarah Bagnall

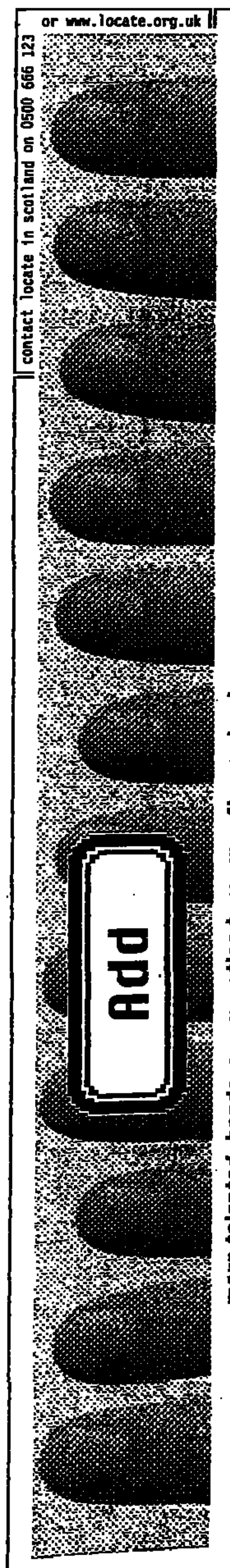
IN AN ATTEMPT to ease City concern after a top-level executive departure and a surprise profit warning, Caradon yesterday announced steps to strengthen management controls by switching from running itself on a geographical basis to a product basis.

The move comes less than two weeks after the building products group announced the departure of Daniel Cohen, chairman of the European products division, and its use of Russell Reynolds, the executive search consultancy, to find a chief operating officer.

Caradon, owner of Everest double-glazing, Mira showers and Twyfords bathroomware, has stripped out a management layer, with the result that three out of five divisional directors now report directly to Peter Jansen, chief executive.

The regional executive committees have been disbanded and Tim Walker, formerly in charge of North American operations, is now responsible for the group's commercial development, with Peter Hewett representing the group's interests in North America.

The shares fell 2p, to 190p, on the news. They were 221p before September's profit warning.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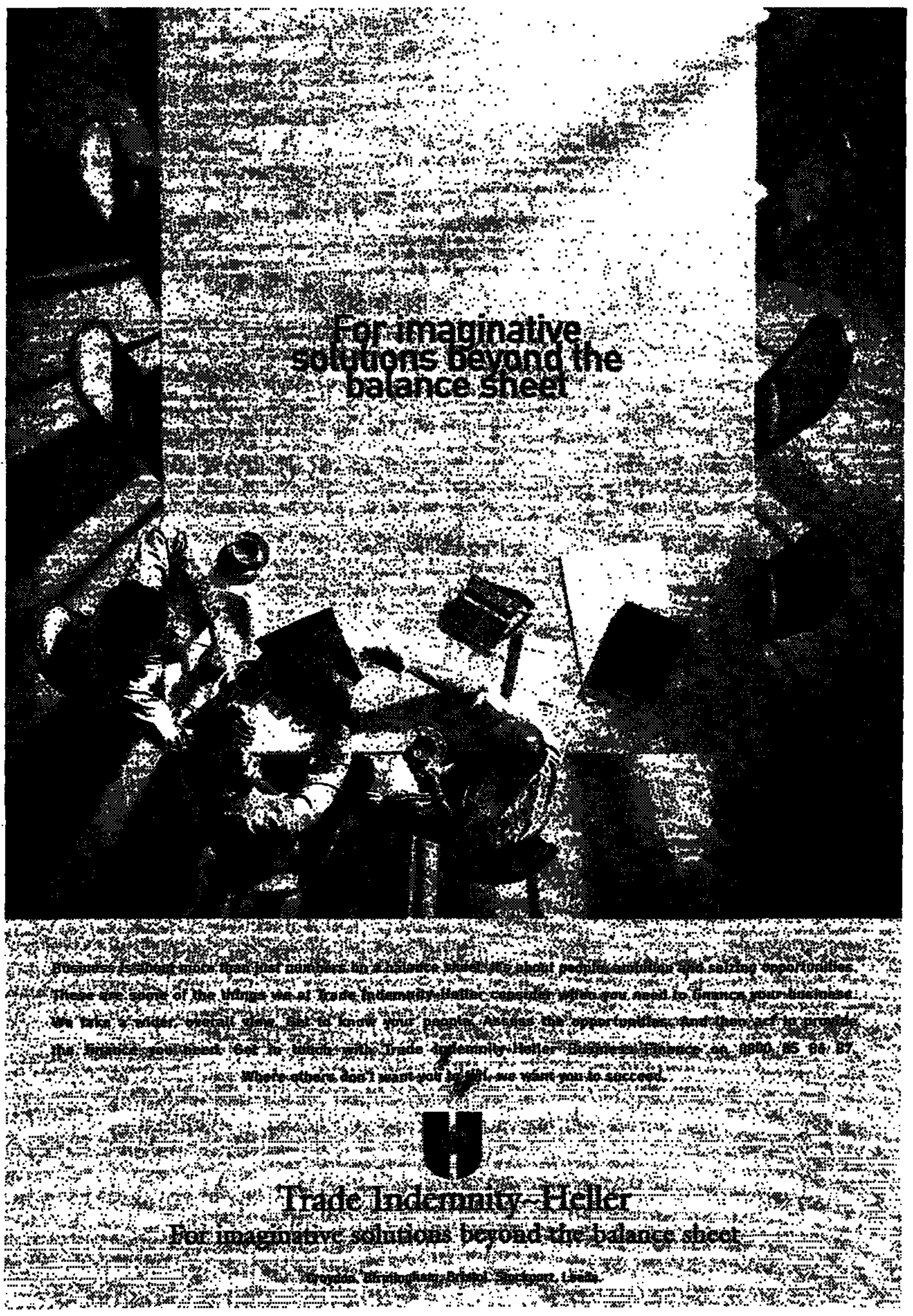
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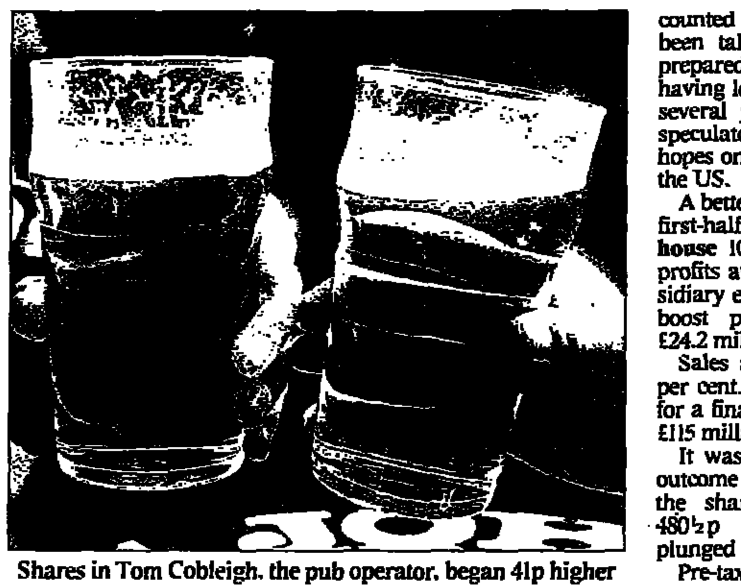
STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

MMC referral pulls power shares down

A DAY can be a long time in the City. Just 24 hours after extending its impressive record breaking run, the London stock market appeared in disarray.

Unable to draw any lead from Wall Street, closed for the Thanksgiving Day celebrations, and shocked by the Trade Secretary's decision to refer both bids by the power generators for regional electricity companies to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, investors found they had little to cheer.

As a result, all the previous day's gains were wiped out, leaving the FT-SE 100 index nursing a loss of 29.9 at 3,602.5. Turnover levels also fell well short of the previous day. By the close of business, the number of shares traded had fallen to 710 million.



Shares in Tom Cobleigh, the pub operator, began 41p higher

The focus of attention switched to the electricity sector in late trading following the referral of PowerGen's bid for **Midlands Electricity**, down 59p at 918p, and National Power's offer for **Southern Electricity**, 62p lower at 913p. The fact that the referrals had come so late in the day, in terms of how long both bids had been on the table, only exasperated traders further. Brokers said that the decision seemed out of step with previous decisions made.

The news also left **National Power** 16p off at 478p and **PowerGen** 21p down at 540p. There were also losses elsewhere in the sector. **Northern Electric** fell 16p to 933p, **London** 33p to 899p, **East Midlands** 36p to 863p, **South Wales** 29p to £10.03 and **Yorkshire** 45p to 871p.

The dawn raid on **Amec** in the construction group sent its shares soaring 17p to 95p as more than 35 million changed hands. SBC Warburg, the broker, paid 100p a share for up to 20 million shares, or 10 per cent of the company, on behalf of Kvaerner. The speculators are now anxious to see if Kvaerner intends to launch a full bid. Recently there was talk of a merger between Amec and **Alfred McAlpine**, 1p firmer at 141p.

Inchcape's future as a constituent of the top 100 companies appears to be in doubt following the sharp fall in the share price during the past few days. Last week the price was undermined by a profits downgrading from UBS. Now there are fears about the group's ability to maintain its dividend. The share price finished a further 17½p lower at 238p.

Northumbrian Water rose 33p to £11.67 on news of the agreed bid from Lyonnaise des Eaux valuing the company at £823 million. The offer of £11.79 a share was above expectations and is expected to trigger further bids. The French were finally given the go-ahead after agreeing to a number of provisions, including price reductions totalling 15 per cent. When Lyonnaise des Eaux first approached Northumbrian its shares were trading at the 740p level.

Exco, the money broker, tumbled 21p to 120p after again warning that profits for the full year would fall "markedly below" current expectations. Carel Mosselmans, chairman, complained that unfavourable market conditions had persisted and said he remained cautious about the prospects for the year as a whole.

Brokers immediately began cutting their forecasts, with the likes of James Capel lopping more than £10 million from its original estimate of £28.5 million. Phil Pickard, analyst with Capel, said recovery would be hard to achieve.

Forte, the takeover target, edged ahead another 4p to 351p following this week's £3.4 billion bid offer from **Granada**, also 4p better at 653p. Forte has rejected the terms, worth around 328p a share, but claims that it may find itself on the receiving end of a bid from Suntory, the Japanese group, were being discounted yesterday. There had been talk that Suntory was prepared to offer 400p a share, having looked at Forte closely several years ago. Now the speculators are pinning their hopes on a counter-offer from the US.

A better than expected set of first-half figures lifted **Storehouse** 10p to 332p. Doubled profits at its Mothercare subsidiary enabled Storehouse to boost pre-tax profits from £24.2 million to £34.5 million.

Sales at Bhs were down 3 per cent. Brokers are looking for a final outcome of around £115 million for the year.

It was a far from positive outcome at **Powell Duffryn** as the share tumbled 73p to 480½p after the group plunged into the red.

Pre-tax losses were £13 million against a profit of £17 million for the corresponding period. The figure was struck after exceptional charges totalling almost £30 million. Brokers have since cut their forecasts for the full year by around £6 million to £47 million.

The sale by Microsoft Corporation of its entire 17.9 per cent stake in **Dorling Kindersley**, the publisher of books and CD-Roms, saw DK's shares adding 23p to 527p.

Ferry Pickering surged 24p to 192p after announcing details of an agreed bid from Wace valuing the company at £26.2 million. Wace is offering 195p a share.

There was a scramble for shares in first dealings of **Tom Cobleigh**, the pub operator, with the price opening at 195p compared with the placing price of 150p. The price finished 41p higher at 191p.

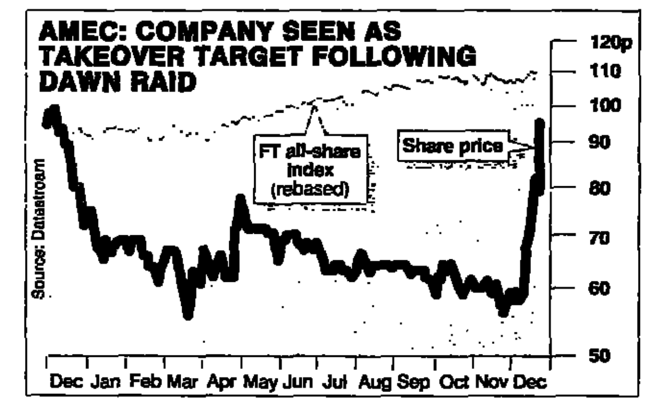
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Sentiment remained firm, but without the lead of US Treasury Bonds the London market put up an unconvincing performance. Prices were squeezed higher in thin trading at the start of business and then did very little for the rest of the day.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £9/32 higher at £109⅛.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 sported a rise of £7/16 at £109, while at the shorter end Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 was three ticks up £101 12/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street was closed for Thanksgiving Day. The prices below relate to the previous day's trading.

Hazelwood Foods has been a dull market lately. Yesterday it touched a low for the year of 92p before closing 7½p down at 94½p as more than 1 million shares were traded. Brokers attributed this bout of weakness to a cross in 250,000 shares at 94p, providing market-makers with the excuse to call the price lower.



AMEC: COMPANY SEEN AS TAKEOVER TARGET FOLLOWING DAWN RAID

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Arlon Props	9	...
BZW Tesco Elt (306)	287	...
Benfield & Rea	103	+ 1
Charnwell Intl	64	...
Creos International	124	...
David Glass (60)	68	+ 2
Entrpris Inns (145)	148	...
Guinness Flight	92	...
Guinness Flight U	192	...
Guinness Flight W	10	...
Heritage Baths (125)	158	...
Hoare Govett Sml C	97½	...
Martin Currie Japan	94½	...
Martin Currie Jp Wt	31½	...
Northern Venture	97	...
Perp UK Sml C (100)	99	...
Premium Undrlg C	125	...
Schroder Asia Pc	96½	- ½
Tom Cobleigh	191	...
Vero Group	269	+ 2½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cordiant n/p (60)	28	- 3
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Mayborn n/p (210)	38	...
Pilkington n/p (155)	37	- 1
Rhino Group n/p (8)	9	+ ½
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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Monteagle	120p (+15p)
Ferry Pick	192p (+24p)
Northamber	255p (+12p)
Photobition	317p (+10p)
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WH Smith	410p (+10p)
TI	444p (+10p)
Caledonia	693p (+7p)

FALLS:

Babcock	148p (-13p)
Micro Focus	635p (-30p)
Kelsey Ind	565p (-20p)
Laporte	772p (-24p)
Danka Bs Sys	535p (-15p)
Abbey Ntl	606p (-15p)
Diploma	437p (-10p)

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A present from Norway

WHEN Tarmac and Wimpey congratulated each other this month for kicking off the consolidation of Britain's construction industry, they no doubt expected more of the same: sweetheart deals between weak companies, merging or trading assets. Nobody expected an aggressive takeover in an industry with no assets and a workload priced at a level which just about pays the electricity bill.

Kvaerner, the Norwegian company, which raided the market for Amec shares is either very mad or very clever. Since January Amec shares have been in a gentle downward spiral to 55p last month. Bid rumours sent the stock soaring to over 80p, topped yesterday by Kvaerner's 100p per share purchases.

There are some obvious synergies between Kvaerner's process engineering activities and Amec. The Norwegians are big players in the North Sea oil industry, having built many of the deep-water production platforms such as Draugen and Troll. Amec's energy division may hold some attractions — the British company has maintenance contracts with oil companies but the fat profits from oil rigs have disappeared for ever. Low oil prices have forced the industry to cut costs and deep water oil production will in future be from floating vessels, using less capital.

Scandinavian companies have an unfortunate history of overpaying for assets in the UK. Amec's workload includes some large road building prospects but it would be bizarre if Kvaerner were to be excited by the prospect of sinking money into British highways. Any signs of the Norwegians putting more cash on the table could cause a riot among investors.

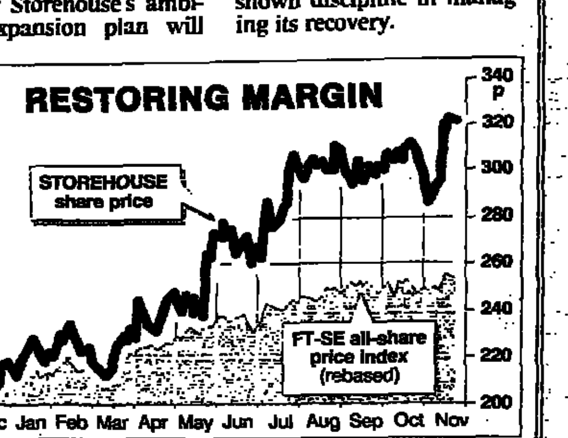
Storehouse

STOREHOUSE has proved the cynics wrong. City pundits that doubted that the management could narrow the gap with rival retailers will have to eat their words.

While revenue growth remains uninspiring the profit in each sale is increasing. Gone are the days when Storehouse was losing money and the shares were skulking at 85p. Another solid set of results — a 42 per cent leap in profits and a near two point surge in the gross margin — is testimony to the recovery.

Bhs is no longer the poor cousin of Marks and Spencer. The gross margin rose 1.5 per cent and is expected to rise further. Mothercare benefited from better stock control, which in turn reduced the level of markdowns, helping drive the gross margin up 3.1 per cent. However, the company will be hard-pressed to push margins further ahead. Further evidence of the recovery lies in Bhs's 6 per cent return on sales and Mothercare's 5.7 per cent return, up from 1.3 per cent.

The key issue now is whether Storehouse's ambitious expansion plan will deliver as much in profit. Achieving an adequate return on its investment — Storehouse is opening 10 per cent extra space for both Bhs and Mothercare this year — could prove to be a challenge. Retailers have fallen foul of over-expansion before but so far Storehouse has shown discipline in managing its recovery.



RESTORING MARGIN

Babcock Intl.

BABCOCK had issued a warning that a spot of restructuring would be necessary in Germany but yesterday's belt and braces job came out of the blue. Materials handling is an area in which Babcock can boast world leadership in certain products making the profits collapse in the first half a serious blow to the company. Even more so as confidence in Babcock was increasing after the successful sale to Mitsui of 75 per cent of the loss-making energy division.

With overall losses of £2 million from materials handling in the first half, Babcock has probably lost several million pounds from its German operations. The company cannot be blamed for the rise of the Deutschmark but the cost pressures on German manufacturers have been apparent for several years. With one eye on Rosyth and the other on its deal with Mitsui, Babcock appears to have let things drift.

Fortunately, the company has called a halt. Materials handling is a core business and £9 million should buy a lot of cost savings with a relatively short payback. There is no reason for Babcock to make products in one of the world's more expensive manufacturing locations when most of its customers are in Asia. Shorn of it metal-bashing bits, materials handling could be sensibly relocated to the UK.

By the end of the year, Babcock could have £50 million of net cash. Some of that is for the Rosyth deal but the company will still have funds to invest. Babcock has the businesses and now it has the balance sheet but it still needs to prove it can put the two together.

Powell Duffryn

The market knew about Powell Duffryn's German litigation but the £10 million net cost of the terminal fire at its American storage operation was a surprise. The company had not previously quantified the cost over and above the insurance claim.

Powell Duffryn has been shedding its coal-related businesses but the company still appears to lack a strategic focus. The weak link is fuel distribution, a business that is currently suffering from the warm weather and if present trends continue, will be hard pressed to earn much of a profit this year. Working on slender margins of 1 per cent, the delivery business needs good volumes to cover its costs and make a profit but recent warm weather has cut demand.

After half-year profits before exceptional items of £17 million, Powell Duffryn looks well adrift of market forecasts of more than £50 million for the year. This conglomerate has work to do.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	919-918	Mar	1040-1036
Mar	956-955	May	1053-1047
May	973-972	Jul	unq
Jul	993-991	Sep	---
Sep	1012-1011		
Dec	1024-1020		Volume: 2238

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2461-2450	Jul	1587-1885
Jan	2171-2170	Sep	1850-1845
Mar	2037-2034	Nov	1810-1800
May	1948-1947		Volume: 3632

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	303.0-02.1
Spot: 392.6		Dec	294.5-94.1
Mar	352.5-52.1	Mar	293.5-93.1
May	342.9-42.5	May	295.5-94.2
Aug	333.5-33.0		Volume: 56

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	102.45	108.83	125.03
(+/-)	+2.01	+1.25	-0.82
Eng/Wales:	102.45	109.98	123.82
(+/-)	+2.01	+0.92	-0.78
(%)	+2.0	-3.0	+46.0
Scotland:	unq	105.79	131.20
(+/-)	...	+2.45	-0.78
(%)	...	+4.0	+41.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.85	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.75	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.55	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	unq	unq
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	..	...

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 187 (n/c)	O: 189 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	159 (+11)	160 (+11)
Non EEC 1H Dec	160 (n/c)	161 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jan	159 (n/c)	160 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (n/c)	89 (n/c)
Naphtha	149 (-1)	151 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	157.00-57.25	Mar	153.50-53.75
Jan	156.50-56.75	Apr	151.75-52.00
Feb	155.25-55.50		Vol: 6849

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.76-16.77	Apr	16.17-16.23
Feb	16.52-16.54	May	16.04-16.13
Mar	16.35-16.36		Vol: 12704

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	127.75	Nov	118.00
Jan	127.20	Jan	118.40
Mar	129.30	Mar	120.75
May	131.25	May	122.25
Jul	133.40	Sep	112.35
	Volume: 547		Volume: 16

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	258.0	250.0
May	unq	285.0
		Volume: 55

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec .. 112.00-112.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	unq	unq	1705
Dec 95	1600	1580	1580
Jan 96	1515	1515	1518
Apr 96	1505	1505	1503
Vol: 59 lots			Open interest: 3829

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2955.0-2956.0	2738.0-2739.0	1072825
Lead ($/tonne)	745.00-745.50	722.00-723.00	99950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1029.0-1030.0	1053.0-1054.0	178150
Tin ($/tonne)	6390.0-6395.0	6410.0-6415.0	23610
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1672.0-1673.0	1705.0-1705.5	1063400
Nickel ($/tonne)	8575.0-8580.0	8700.0-8710.0	30384

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	460	30½	39	43½	7	12½	19½
(*489)	500	7½	18½	23	28	33	40
Argyll	280	17	23½	28	6½	11	16½
(*290½)	300	6½	13½	18	18	21½	27½
ASDA	90	10	12½	14½	1½	3½	4½
(*97½)	100	4½	7½	9	6	7½	9
Boots	550	37½	52½	60½	5	10½	17
(*578)	600	10	23	32½	28	32½	40
Br Airways	460	19	32	39	12	17½	24
(*463½)	500	4	14	20½	38	41	46½
BP	500	17	27½	34½	10	18	22½
(*502½)	550	1½	8½	14	47½	50	53
Br Steel	160	9½	15	18	4	7	11
(*164)	180	2	6	9	16½	18½	23
C & W	420	38	52	59	5	12	17½
(*453)	460	15	29½	37	21	28½	34½
CU	600	53½	65	72½	5	17½	31½
(*643)	650	20½	34	44½	21½	41	44½
ICI	700	46½	58½	66½	7½	21	26
(*732)	750	17½	30½	40½	29	46½	51½
Kingfishr.	500	35	48½	54	7	17½	25
(*523½)	550	9½	22	29	32	43	51
Land Sec.	550	49½	60	65½	1½	5	12
(*599½)	600	13½	26	32½	17½	22	33½
M & S	420	33	44	49	2½	6½	11
(*447)	460	8½	19½	29½	18	22½	28½
Nat West	650	42½	53	65	10½	24½	33½
(*676½)	700	16½	28	40½	33	51½	60
Sainsbury	360	19½	29½	34	5	8½	15½
(*370)	390	5½	14½	18½	21½	24	31
Shell	750	53½	64½	69	2½	11½	14½
(*793½)	800	17½	30½	37½	16	31	35
Smkl Bch.	650	46	60	72	6½	15	19
(*684)	700	15½	31½	44	26½	36½	40½
Storehse	300	34½	40	47½	1½	4½	9
(*332)	330	13½	20½	28½	10½	14½	19
Trafalgar	20	4	6	7	1	2½	4
(*22½)	25	2	4	5½	4	5½	7
Unilever	1200	42	63	75½	14	29½	36
(*1218½)	1250	15½	35½	49½	39½	55	61½
Zeneca	1250	83½	109½	134½	22½	50½	59
(*1297½)	1300	54	81	107½	42½	73	82

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	420	24½	33	41½	16	21	27
(*429)	460	10	17½	24½	42½	45½	50½
Ladbroke	130	15½	18	22	6	6½	7½
(*138)	140	10	13	17	9½	10½	12
Utd Bisc	260	15½	21½	25½	12	17½	21½
(*260)	280	7½	13	18	24	30½	33½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	35	40½	54	3½	7½	12½
(*487½)	500	10½	22	30	19	23½	28½
Thames W	550	30½	47	55	11	16½	30
(*564½)	600	9	35	31½	38½	43½	57

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	41	49½	57	12½	22½	31
(*572½)	600	16½	25	32½	37½	49½	57½
BTR	300	33	35½	38½	1½	9½	7½
(*327)	330	12½	15½	20	10½	18½	20
Br Aero	750	56½	72½	89	20	32	39½
(*775)	800	31	48½	63	44½	56½	63½
Br Telcm	331	29	33½	39½	4½	7	11
(*354½)	360	10	17	22	18½	20	25
Cadbury	550	33½	40	51	21½	33	35
(*554½)	600	13½	21	29½	51	63	65
Guinness	420	48½	53	58	4½	9	12
(*458½)	460	20½	26½	33½	15½	24½	28½
GEC	300	21	28	33	6	8	13
(*314½)	330	6	12½	17	21½	23	28
Hanson	180	13	19½	17½	4½	5½	8½
(*190½)	191	6½	—	—	10	—	—
LASMO	140	22½	25½	29	2	3½	5
(*159)	160	9½	13½	18	8½	11	13
Lucas	180	17½	21½	25	4	7	8½
(*195½)	200	7	11	15	13½	16½	18½
Pilkngtn	191	11½	17	20½	8	9½	13½
(*191½)	210	4½	8½	12½	20	21	24½
Prudential	420	25½	32	38½	14½	23	27
(*425½)	460	9½	15	21½	38	47½	50½
Redland	330	35	42	43½	4½	11½	14
(*354½)	360	16	24	26½	16	26	28
R-Royce	160	13	16	19½	5	9	11
(*165½)	180	4½	7	11	16½	20	22½
Tesco	260	27	31	33½	3	7½	9½
(*279)	280	14½	18	22	10	15½	18
Vodafone	220	15	21	25½	11½	14½	16
(*222½)	240	7	12½	17	23½	26	27½
Williams	330	15	19½	22½	9½	16	18
(*330)	360	3½	7½	11	30½	35½	37½

FT-SE INDEX (*3602)

	3500	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750
Calls						
Dec	125	84	50	26	12	4½
Jan	150	114½	84½	59	38	22½
Feb	172½	138½	108½	82½	60½	44
Mar	198	156½	123½	98½	75½	57½
Jun	231½	—	169½	—	119	—
Puts						
Dec	15	24	42½	70½	111	160
Jan	35	49	69½	95	126	165
Feb	45	61½	82	107½	137½	174
Mar	59½	77½	96	121	149	183
Jun	101½	—	138	—	187	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	600	19½	37½	44	10½	28½	34½
(*606)	650	3	16½	23	44½	61	65
Amstrad	280	9	20	28	6½	14	18
(*282)	300	2½	11½	19	19½	25½	29
Barclays	750	48	68	79½	4	19	27
(*791½)	800	14	37	48	21	42	50½
Blue Circ	300	21½	32	36	2	7½	14½
(*318)	330	4½	15½	20	15	21	29½
Br Gas	220	18½	26½	28½	1	5	9½
(*236½)	240	4½	14½	16½	8	12½	19
Dixons	390	27½	39	48½	2½	11½	16
(*412)	420	9½	22	31½	14½	26½	29½
Forte	330	26	34½	37½	3½	10	13
(*351)	360	7	17½	20½	14	17½	24
Tarmac	90	5½	10	12	3	5½	7
(*92½)	100	1½	6	7½	8	11	13½
Hillsdwn	140	17	21	22½	0	2	6
(*156)	160	3½	8½	10	6	9	15
Lonrho	160	11½	16	19½	1½	6	7
(*169)	180	2	7	10½	12	17	17½
Sears	90	9½	12	13½	0½	2	3
(*99)	100	2½	5½	7½	4	6	7
Thm Eml	1500	60	96	134	13	40½	48
(*1539)	1600	13	49½	82½	67	94	99
Tomkins	260	7½	14½	21	6	12½	15
(*260)	280	1½	6½	12½	20½	25	26½
TSB	390	24½	31½	33½	3	16	20½
(*410)	420	8½	14	16½	15½	35	37½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	890	43½	65	76½	15½	33½	40½
(*873)	900	17½	38	51½	38½	59	66
HSBC	900	60	85	99	13½	37	48
(*940)	950	31½	57	72	33	61	72
Reuter	600	27	43	56½	17½	30½	36
(*605)	650	9	21	34½	49	58½	63½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	35	42½	50	4	16	21
(*385)	390	17½	26	34½	15	31	35½

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	5½	9½	0½	0½	0½
(*264)	280	0	0	0	16	16	17½

	Series	Calls Feb	May		Puts Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	27½	20½	—	0½	1½	—
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	—	33	33½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	18½	29	42	5½	13	19½
(*477½)	500	2	11	22	29½	23½	40½
Scot Pwr	360	20	26	33½	2½	10½	12½
(*375)	390	4	10½	18½	17½	25½	28

November 23, 1995 Tot: 24938 Call: 11140 Put: 13799 FT-SE Call: 1297 Put: 7828
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 73245	Dec 95	3643.0	3643.0	3605.0	3610.0	5060
	Mar 96	3663.0	3663.0	3634.0	3634.0	655
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3500	Dec 95				3950.0	0
	Mar 96				3995.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 369488	Dec 95	93.45	93.49	93.45	93.48	7811
	Mar 96	93.69	93.72	93.69	93.70	5437
	Jun 96	93.74	93.78	93.74	93.76	3566
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 110	Dec 95				94.26	0
	Mar 96				94.61	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 883733	Dec 95	96.09	96.12	96.08	96.10	18331
	Mar 96	96.31	96.35	96.30	96.32	21336
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 108817	Dec 95	108-27	109-08	108-25	109-04	34030
	Mar 96	108-07	108-20	108-07	108-17	1314
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	122.70	122.74	122.50	122.62	309
	Mar 96	121.32	121.36	121.20	121.24	437
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 212291	Dec 95	97.70	97.93	97.65	97.85	69620
	Mar 96	97.15	97.32	97.08	97.25	4997
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 20711	Dec 95	94.60	94.65	94.60	94.63	760
	Mar 96	94.76	94.80	94.76	94.79	595
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 56693	Dec 95	98.01	98.03	97.98	97.99	1640
	Mar 96	98.26	98.29	98.25	98.26	2687
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 45949	Dec 95	103.45	103.97	103.44	103.70	34117
	Mar 96	103.14	103.55	103.14	103.33	797

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 9/16; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6 9/16; 3 mth: 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 11/16-6⅝	6⅝-6 9/16	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 11/16-6⅝	6 21/32-6 19/32	6 9/16-6½	6 13/32-6 11/32	6¼-6⅛
Interbank:	6 11/16-6⅝	6 21/32-6 9/16	6 9/16-6½	6 13/32-6 11/32	6¼-6⅛

Overnight: open 6⅞, close 6½.

Local Authority Deps:	6 11/16	n/a	6½	6⅜	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6 11/16	6 9/16-6½	6½-6 7/16	6 13/32-6 11/32	6¼-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.74	n/a	5.73	5.63	5.55
Building Society CDs:	6 11/16-6⅝	6 21/32-6 19/32	6½-6 7/16	6⅜-6 5/16	6¼-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 11/16-5 9/16	5⅝-5½	5 9/16-5 7/16	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4-3¾	4-3 13/16	4-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4¼-3¼
French Franc:	5½-5¼	5½-5¼	5⅜-5⅛	5¼-5	7-5
Swiss Franc:	2 1/16-1 15/16	2¼-1¾	2¼-2	1 15/16-1 13/16	2¼-1¼
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.20-382.50 Close: $382.60-383.10 High: $382.60-383.10
Low: $381.15-381.65 AM: $382.55 PM: $382.80

Krugerrand: $383.50-385.50 (£244.75-246.75)

Platinum: $412.00 (£263.45) **Silver**: $5.22 (£3.335) **Palladium**: $133.00 (£85.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4657-2.4765	2.4732-2.4765	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	45.25-45.49	45.38-45.49	13-9pr	33-28pr
Copenhagen	8.5280-8.5740	8.5520-8.5740	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-2⅝pr
Dublin	0.9689-0.9726	0.9699-0.9724	10-7pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2024-2.2119	2.2086-2.2119	⅝-½pr	1¾-1⅝pr
Lisbon	230.06-231.41	230.79-231.41	24-51ds	110-154ds
Madrid	188.54-189.48	189.20-189.48	38-48ds	131-148ds
Milan	2482.3-2493.4	2489.3-2493.4	7-8ds	23-26ds
Montreal	2.1118-2.1186	2.1153-2.1163	0.18-0.10pr	0.30-0.19pr
New York	1.5618-1.5644	1.5630-1.5640	0.13-0.11pr	0.31-0.28pr
Oslo	9.7100-9.7490	9.7340-9.7490	1⅛-1pr	4⅛-3⅞pr
Paris	7.5870-7.6170	7.6030-7.6170	1-⅞pr	2⅛-1⅞pr
Stockholm	10.167-10.220	10.197-10.220	⅛-¼ds	1½-2¼ds
Tokyo	157.15-157.63	157.15-157.42	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2⅜pr
Vienna	15.493-15.561	15.534-15.561	⅞-⅝pr	1-⅜pr
Zurich	1.7756-1.7826	1.7771-1.7799	½-⅜pr	2-1⅞pr

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.
Source: Extel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3540-1.3550
Austria	9.92-9.93
Belgium (Com)	29.01-29.05
Canada	1.3537-1.3542
Denmark	5.4693-5.4713
France	4.8675-4.8690
Germany	1.4121-1.4126
Hong Kong	7.7340-7.7350
Ireland	1.6097-1.6117
Italy	1590.70-1592.30
Japan	100.55-100.65
Malaysia	2.5363-2.5393
Netherlands	1.5814-1.5819
Norway	6.2230-6.2250
Portugal	147.62-147.72
Singapore	1.4112-1.4122
Spain	120.99-121.04
Sweden	6.5251-6.5311
Switzerland	1.1387-1.1394

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5635-1.5661
Australia dollar	2.1162-2.1190
Bahrain dinar	0.5820-0.5940
Brazil real*	1.5079-1.5121
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6930-0.7030
Finland markka	6.5175-6.6335
Greece drachma	360.50-367.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0867-12.0960
India rupee	53.84-54.80
Indonesia rupiah	3528.00-3596.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	3.9669-3.9710
New Zealand dollar	2.3966-2.3999
Pakistan rupee	53.45 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6175-5.7415
Singapore dollar	2.2054-2.2084
S Africa rand (com)	5.6430-5.7450
U A E dirham	5.6675-5.7915

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,100	Legal & Gn	1,400
ASDA Gp	16,000	Lloyds Bk	4,000
Abbey Ntl	9,700	London Elec	2,300
Allied Dom	616	Marks Spr	4,500
Argyll Gp	1,400	Mid Elec	765
Arjo Wggns	1,500	NatWst Bk	2,500
AB Foods	427	Nat Power	1,300
BAA	1,900	NW Water	3,900
BAT Inds	6,600	P & O	4,900
BOC	462	Pearson	379
BP	4,500	PowerGen	1,700
BSkyB	1,700	Prudential	3,000
BTR	16,000	REXAM	2,600
BT	6,600	RMC	272
Bk of Scot	851	RTZ	2,300
Barclays	4,000	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	3,200	Reckitt Col	845
Blue Circle	169	Redland	518
Boots	414	Reed Intl	900
BAe	1,500	Rentokil	483
BA	3,200	Reuters	874
Brit Gas	25,000	Rolls Royce	8,000
Brit Steel	3,900	Royal Ins	781
Burmah Cstl	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,100
Cable Wire	13,000	Sainsbury	2,800
Cadbury	2,600	Schroders	57
Carlton Cms	1,200	Scot & New	1,100
Cm Union	3,100	Scot Power	3,600
Cookson	1,100	Sears	8,500
Courtaulds	2,200	Svrn Trent	430
De La Rue	3,400	Shell Trans	3,000
Enterpr Oil	2,000	Siebe	849
Forte	16,000	SmKl Bch	1,000
GKN	457	Smith Nph	756
GRE	8,200	Sthern Elec	2,200
GUS	591	Std Chartd	1,100
Gen Acc	2,000	Sun Allnce	3,300
Gen Elec	4,500	TI Gp	1,600
Glaxo Well	904	TSB	3,600
Granada	5,600	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Grand Met	2,000	Tesco	2,100
Guinness	3,700	Thames W	1,500
HSBC	3,900	Thrn EMI	930
Hanson	6,800	Tomkins	2,500
ICI	3,500	Unilever	636
Inchcape	11,000	Vodafone	18,000
Kingfisher	1,800	Whitbread	986
LASMO	5,500	Wlms Hld	1,700
Ladbroke	2,200	Wolseley	1,500
Land Secs	206	Zeneca	667

WALL STREET

	Nov 22 close	Nov 21 close
AMP Inc	39½	40½
AMR Corp	71½	69½
AT & T	64½	64½
Abbott Labs	40½	41½
Advanced Micro	20½	20½
Aetna Life	74½	73½
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26½
Air Prod & Chem	58	57½
AirTouch Comm	28½	28½
Alberto-Culver B	31	31½
Albertson's	33½	34
Alcan Aluminum	34	33½
Alco Standard	46½	46½
Allied Signal	45	44½
Alum Co of Am	57½	55½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	48½	49
Amer Brands	42½	43
Amer El Power	37	37½
Amer Express	42½	43½
Amer Genl Corp	33½	34½
Amer Home Pr	90½	91½
Amer Intl	87½	88½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	55	55½
Amoco	67	67½
Anheuser-Busch	66½	67½
Apple Computer	38½	38½
Archer Daniels	17½	17½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrong Wrld	61½	61½
Asarco	35½	33½
Ashland Oil	33½	33
Atl Richfield	109½	111
Auto Data Pro	76½	76½
Avery Dennison	47½	47½
Avon Products	72½	73½
Baker Hughes	20½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	37½	38½
BankAmerica	62½	61½
Bank of NY	46½	46½
Bankers Tr NY	61½	63
Barnett Banks	58½	58½
Bausch & Lomb	37	37
Baxter Intl	37½	37½
Becton Dicknsn	68½	68½
Bell Atlantic	63½	65½
Bell Industries	22½	22½
BellSouth	38½	39½
Black & Decker	36½	36½
Block (H&R)	45½	45½
Boeing	74½	73½
Boise Cascade	36½	35½
Bristol Myrs Sq	78½	79½
Browning Ferris	29½	29½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	80½	80
CBS	81½	81½
CNA Financial	115½	115½
CPC Intl	67½	67½
CSX	86½	85½
Campbell Soup	53½	54½
Can Pacific	18½	18
Cpd Cities ABC	123½	123
Carolina Pwr	32½	33
Caterpillar	59½	59½
Central & SW	26½	26½
Champion Intl	46½	45
Chase Manhat	61½	61
Chemical Bk	60½	60
Chevron Corp	49½	50½
Chrysler	51½	49½
Chubb Corp	97½	97½
Cigna Corp	105½	104½
Citicorp	68	68
Clorox	74½	75
Coastal Corp	32½	32½
Coca Cola	75	76½
Colgate-Palmolive	70½	70½
Columbia Gas	40½	41
Compaq Comp	47½	47½
Comp Ass Int	57½	56½
Conagra	39½	39½
Conrail	69½	69
Cons Edison	29	29½
Cons Nat Gas	43½	43½
Cooper Inds	36½	35½
Corestates	37½	38
Corning Inc	28½	28½
Crown Cork	42½	41½
Dana Corp	29½	28½
Dayton Hudson	73½	73½
Deere	91½	87½
Delta Air Lines	73½	72
Deluxe Corp	27½	27½
Detroit Edison	32½	32½
Digital Equip	53	57½
Dillard Dept St	29½	29½
Disney (Walt)	62	60½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donnelley (RR)	38½	39
Dover Corp	37½	38½
Dow Chemical	70½	69½
Dow Jones	37½	36½
Dresser	22½	22
Duke Power	44½	45½
Dun & Bradstreet	61½	61½
Du Pont	67½	65½
Eastman Kodak	69½	69½
Eaton Corp	55½	53½
Emerson Elec	73½	74½
Engelhard Corp	22	22
Enron Corp	36½	36½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	12	12½
Exxon	78½	79½
FMC Corp	73½	73
FPL Group	42½	42½
Federal Express	77½	77½
Fed Nat Mtge	108½	108
First Chicago	67½	67½
First Interstate	134½	135
First Union Rty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	40½	40½
Fluor Corp	62½	62½
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	41½	41½
Gannett	60½	61½
Gap Inc Del	48	48½
Gen Dynamics	60½	60
Gen Electric	66½	67½
Gen Mills	54½	55
Gen Motors	50	49
Gen Reinsurance	147½	146½
Gen Signal	31½	31½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	75½	72½
Gillette	52½	52½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27½	27½
Goodrich (BF)	70½	70½
Goodyear Tire	42½	40½
Grace (WR)	59	59½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21½	21½
Great Wstn Fin	24½	24½
Halliburton	42½	41½
Harcourt General	40½	40½
Heinz (HJ)	32	32½
Hercules	56½	56½
Hershey Foods	61½	61½
Hewlett Packard	84	84
Hilton Hotels	65½	66½
Home Depot	43½	44½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	45½	45½
Household Intl	57	58
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	24½	23½
ITT Corp	121½	121½
Illinois Tool	60½	60½
Illinova	29½	28½
INCO	37½	37
Ingersoll Rand	37	35½
Inland Steel	26½	24½
Intel Corp	61½	63
IBM	95½	94½
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	51½
Intl Paper	36½	35½
James River Va	30	28½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	84½	85½
Kellogg	75½	75½
Kerr-McGee	57½	57½
Kimberly-Clark	76½	75½
Kmart	7½	7½
Knight-Ridder	65	63½
Lilly (Eli)	98½	100
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lincoln Nat	46½	46½
Litton	43½	43½
Liz Claiborne	28½	28½
Lockheed Martin	72½	72
Louisiana Pac	23½	23
MCI Comm	26½	26½
Marriott Int	38½	38½
Marsh & McLnn	84½	84½
Masco Corp	31	30½
May Dept St	44½	44½
Maytag Corp	20½	19½
McDonalds	43½	45
McDonnell D	90	89½
McGraw Hill	86½	86½
Mead Corp	55½	53½
Medtronic	51½	52½
Mellon Bk	53½	53½
Melville Corp	29½	30½
Merck Inc	58½	59½
Merrill Lynch	55½	54½
Microsoft	87½	88
Minnesota Mine	64½	64½
Mobil Corp	105½	107½
Monsanto	112½	111½
Morgan (JP)	77½	77
Motorola Inc	60	61½
Natl Semi	20½	21½
Natl Service Ind	31½	32½
Navistar Int	11	11½
NBD Bancorp	37½	37½
NY Times A	29½	29½
Newmont Mng	38½	39½
Niag Mohawk	9½	9½
Nike B	59½	59½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	7½	7½
Nordstrom	41½	42½
Norfolk Sthrn	76½	77½
Nthn State Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	31½	31½
Nynex Corp	50½	50½
Occidental Pet	22½	22½
Ohio Edison	22½	22½
Oracle	44½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	13	13½
Owens Corning	43½	42½
PPG Industries	45½	44½
PNC Bank	29½	28½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	43½	43½
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	26½	26½
Pac Gas & Elect	27½	28½
Pac Telesis	29½	30½
Pall Corp	26½	24½
Panhandle East	27½	27½
Peco Energy	28½	28½
Penney (JC)	46½	47½
Pennzoil	39½	39½
Pepsico	54½	54½
Pfizer	58½	59½
Phelps Dodge	68½	66½
Philip Morris	89½	90½
Phillips Pet	33½	33½
Pitney Bowes	43½	44½
Polaroid	44½	43½
PriceCostco	16	16
Procter & Gmbl	85½	86½
Providian	39½	40
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	62½	63
Raychem Corp	51½	50½
Raytheon	42½	42½
Reebok Intl	27½	28½
Reynolds Metals	57½	54½
Roadway Srvcs	51½	51½
Rockwell Intl	48½	48½
Rohm & Haas	58½	58½
Royal Dutch	130½	131½
Rubbermaid	27½	28
SBC Comms	53½	54
Safeco Corp	70	70½
St Paul's Cos	54½	54½
Salomon Inc	36	35½
Sara Lee Corp	31½	31½
Seecorp	16	17
Schering Plough	55½	55
Schlumberger	65½	66½
Scott Paper	56½	56
Seagram	38½	38½
Sears Roebuck	39½	39½
Shell Trans	75½	76
Sherwin Wlms	39½	39½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	43½	44½
Southern Co	23	23½
Sprint Corp	39½	39½
Stanley Works	50½	50½
Sun Company	29	29½
Sun Microsys	77½	79½
Suntrust	67	67½
Supervalu	31½	31½
Sysco Corp	31½	31½
TRW Inc	74½	74
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	45	44½
Teledyne	23½	23½
Temple Inland	45½	44½
Tenneco	45½	44½
Texaco	71½	71½
Texas Inst	52½	55
Texas Utilities	38½	38½
Textron	73½	72½
Time Warner	39½	39½
Times-Mirror A	30½	30½
Timken	40½	40½
Torchmark	41½	40½
Toys R Us	23½	23½
Transamerica	74½	75½
Travelers	53½	53½
Tribune	67	67½
Tyco Labs	33	33½
UST Inc	32½	32
UAL	199½	192½
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	18½	18½
Unicom	31½	31½
Unilever NV	129½	129½
Union Camp	48½	48
Union Carbide	40	39
Union Pacific	66½	65½
Unisys Corp	6½	6½
USAIR Group	12½	11½
USF&G Corp	17½	17½
US Life	28	28½
United Tech	92	90½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	89½	90½
Wells Fargo	213½	214½
Westinghouse El	16½	15½
Weyerhaeuser	43½	43
Whirlpool	56½	54½
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	64½	66
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47½	48
Xerox	138	138½
Yellow Corp	11½	12½

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

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A-team motors off at last

IT'S ALL very hush-hush, but the famed A1 licence plate owned for the past decade by conglomerate BTR has finally been sold. I think for about £200,000.

BTR, begging no publicity, first put A1 up for bidding in June. Asking price — £250,000. Car buffs didn't exactly break a bumper in their rush, and in July the plate was "twinned" with 1A licence plate owned by Car Marks, of Hull.

The hope was to sell them as a pair for more than £350,000. Alas, no luck, and A1 and 1A were recently uncoupled. BTR sent a £500 cheque for the wedding broker's trouble.

Meanwhile, 1A has suddenly been sold to a mystery buyer all wrapped up in offshore bank account ... and so has A1. Happy motoring to the new owners.

Young life

LORD YOUNG of Graffham is taking life without C&W remarkably well. At the annual IoD dinner on Wednesday, he introduced the guest speaker, Peter Lilley, and then sat down. Rising to his feet, Lilley turned to Lord Young and said: "The last time I saw you, you were wireless. Now you are jobless. I feared tonight you would be speechless. But I see that you are not legless".

TO NIKKO Europe ... a trio of new recruits. Kevin Ryan from Panmure Gordon as insurance analyst, Philip Morrish from Smith New Court as chemicals analyst, and Norrie Morrison from Kleinwort Benson for the banking team.

HOTEL RECEPTION

"And breakfast may be served in the nearest motorway café"

Birthday boy

CONFUSION in the Forte camp. And it's not confined to shock-horror takeover bid by Granada. Lord Forte, the great man himself, is coming up for 87. According to all the established reference books, he was born on November 26, 1908. So, happy birthday for Sunday, my Lord. However, one who should know Lord Forte's birthday admitted yesterday that he had been confused when earlier insisting the birthday was on Thursday. That person, Sir Rocco Forte, his son and heir. Meanwhile, the Forte office is equally insistent the birthday falls on Sunday. Oh well ... as long as the birthday boy gets a cake with the correct number of candles on it, that's all that matters.

Forte omen

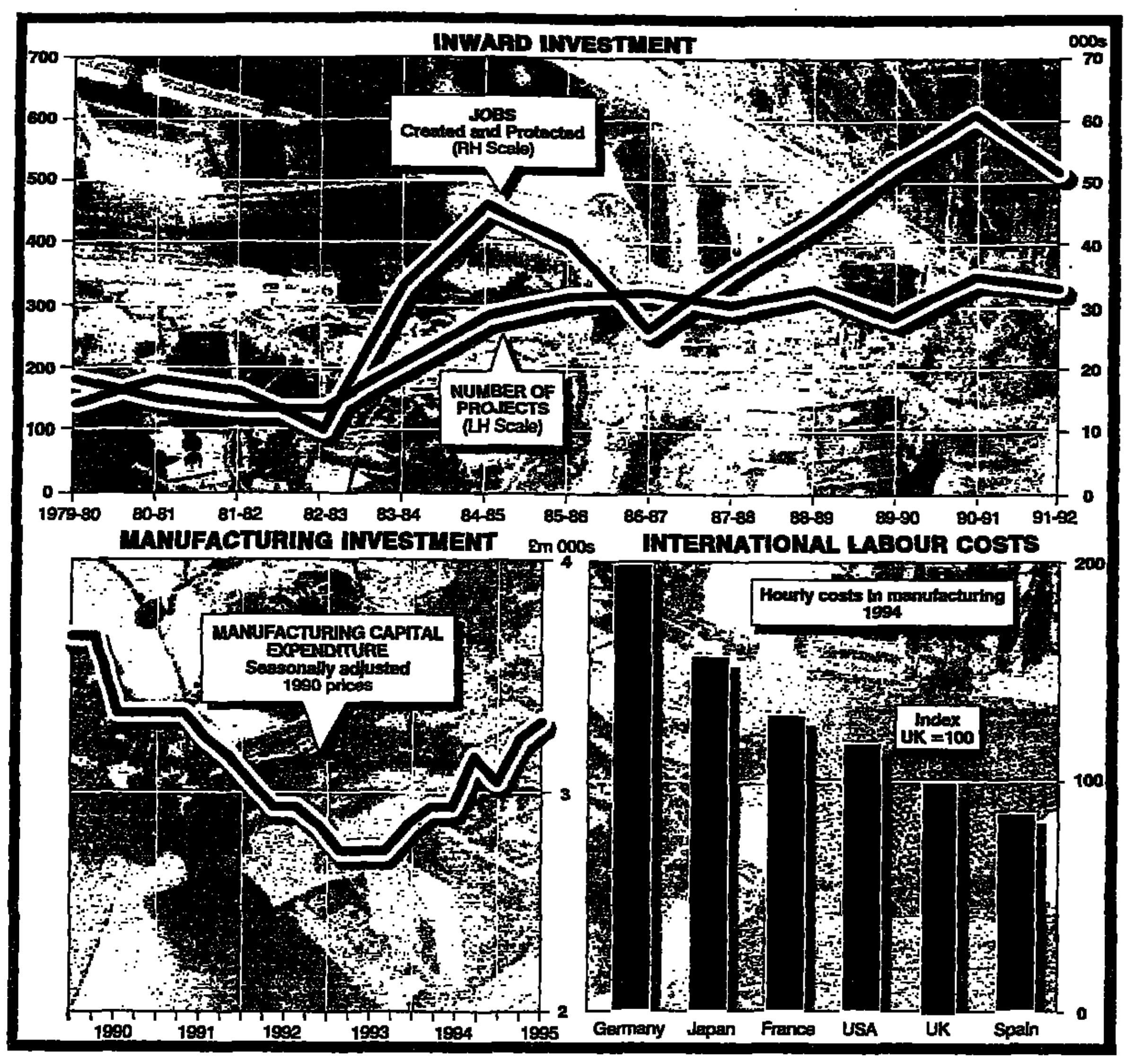
AN OMEN that something was about to happen to the Forte came to a colleague overnighting on Tuesday at the Forte Posthouse just off the M4 near Lancaster. Ordering risotto for dinner, as well one might in an hotel owned by an Italian dynasty of restaurateurs, he gasped for breath when the waiter asked which style of potatoes Sir wanted with it. The disbelieving diner queried "potatoes with risotto"? The reply: "Yes, sir, we have a wide choice."

COLIN CAMPBELL

Foreign-owned firms give a boost to UK industry

Philip Bassett

on a host of announcements about new inward investment projects



Government ministers have a new mantra about Britain's industry and economy. The Prime Minister says it. So does his deputy — and the President of the Board of Trade. And the Chancellor is expected to in his Budget next week. Say what ? Say that Britain is to be the "enterprise centre of Europe".

Whether such constant repetition — for example, John Major and Ian Lang in their addresses to the Commons on the Queen's Speech, Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke in pre-Budget media interviews this week — marks either a new political point, given Labour's renewed drive for business support, or a fresh push for increased inward investment as indigenous UK industry looks nervous about economic recovery is not yet clear.

What is clear is that it comes in the wake of a host of announcements about new inward investment projects — Siemens of Germany and Korea's of Korea in the North East, Shin-Etsu Handotai of Japan and Chungwa of Taiwan in Scotland last week, and Montupet of France in Northern Ireland this week.

Ministers deny there is any *new* surge in inward investment, though they know there is political capital to be made from foreign firms coming to the UK. Instead, they insist there has been a consistent growth since the Conservative Government took office in 1979 and that such growth and its associated economic and employment benefits will be placed in jeopardy if Labour wins the general election.

Mr Lang, President of the Board of Trade, says: "Labour would impose huge new costs on business through regulation, through its training tax, through the minimum wage, and through the social chapter. That would discourage not only inward investment, but domestic investment."

Labour sees the issue of inward investment within a larger argument about the vital importance of investment in the economy generally and claims that investment has shrivelled under the Conservatives. Although investment is now rising from a low point in the third quarter of 1993, as the graphic shows, Margaret Beckett, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, says: "In real terms, manufacturing investment was more than 17 per cent lower in 1994 than when the Conservatives came to office in 1979."

Inward and overall investment clearly are linked. Figures from the Department of Trade and Industry's Invest in Britain Bureau (IBB) — set up in 1977 by the last Labour Government — show that not only do foreign-owned companies now provide almost a fifth of all the manufacturing jobs in Britain, a quarter of the UK's net output and about 40 per cent of all of Britain's manufactured exports, but that a third of all the UK's manufacturing investment is now carried out by them. The graphic shows the pattern of inward investment in the UK since 1979, measured in terms of specific projects — plants or offices — and jobs.

Although the US captures the largest proportion of the world's external investment, Britain takes the lion's share in Europe, with 40 per cent each of American and Japanese investment in the EU — there are now 225 Japanese plants in the UK alone — and even 20 per cent of German and French EU investment. In terms of its stock of direct investment, currently about £130 billion, the UK is rated second, behind only the US, in an analysis by the World Economic Forum of 39 countries, and third in terms of its recent inward flows, behind America and France. The tables show, by investment level and job numbers, the top ten of Britain's most recent inward investment successes.

The inward investing companies themselves, although often hard to please, are equally generous in their praise for what they find in the UK. Yukihisa Hirano, managing director of Toyota in the UK, says: "We have met our quality goal from day one, and every day since then have produced cars that are every bit as good as those built by Toyota in Japan."

Peter McKie, of Du Pont in the UK, says: "We're very happy in Northern Ireland — which is why we've expanded there." Suzaburo Ihara, Mitsubishi's international general manager, says its Scottish plants are a vital part of the company. Yukio Kaneko, production director of Fujitsu in the UK, says: "It is nice to see that the standard of operation and quality of personnel in Durham have reached a level of performance comparable with that of our operation in Japan."

Inward investors come to Europe, and to the UK in particular, for a range of reasons. The main ones are: low corporate and personal taxation, an open market, government grants, a skilled and educated labour force, a relatively stable political and economic environment, reasonable transport and good telecommunications infrastructures, and English as the native language.

Grants can be a key factor. Toyota declined government grants for its Derby assembly plant, but for others, the Government's regional selective assistance grants are important. Of the most recent, Siemens picked up £30 million in RSA grants, Samsung £58 million and Jaguar £48 million — with other non-cash grant aid on top.

Ministers insist that they are not bribing companies to come here. Andrew Fraser, IBB chief executive, estimates that Britain would still attract at least 80 per cent of the companies that do locate here, even if there were no grant aid. So why have it? Tim Eggar, Industry Minister, believes it will eventually go, saying that the Government hopes "over a period of time" to be able to move down the percentage of grant aid. They deny, too, that they are buying jobs — Siemens's grant, for instance, works out at £16,600 per job — or that government policy unpatriotically favours only foreign-owned inward investors, pointing out that 60 per cent of RSA grant by value goes to indigenous UK firms.

Low labour costs, as shown in the graphic, and minimal labour regulation are a factor for some inward investors — though by no means all. Sony, in South Wales for two decades, cites the cost of labour as second to bottom in its checklist of 11 key factors. Toyota says: "We do not consider low wages to be a factor in our investment decisions. But others do. Philip Shelley, plant manager at 3M Orthotech, says: "It costs 30 per cent less to manufacture in the UK than in the USA. Bernd Pischetsrieder, chief executive of BMW, Rover's owner, says "Structural change has made Britain by far the most attractive place to invest in Europe."

During an inward investment "drumming-up business" trip to Germany last week, headed by the Prince of Wales, Herr Pischetsrieder told UK ministers that although average take-home pay in Britain is 75to 80 per cent of German levels, labour costs in the UK were only 48 per cent of those in Germany. This is largely because of low UK tax rates and high German non-wage social costs. Ministers like to claim Britain's avoidance of such social costs, in its opt-out from the Maastricht treaty's social chapter, as a key factor. Although precise evidence is hard to find, Mr Eggar says there is "overwhelming anecdotal evidence" that Britain's labour flexibility is a major advantage for would-be and actual inward investors.

Ford, for so long now in Britain it can barely be counted as an inward investor, does cite the social chapter as something that "could introduce constraints to flexibility, and increase costs", and Rittal,, the German-owned computer component manufacturer in Plymouth, recently filled an order for Compaq that its German parent could not do — because UK employment law allowed it to pick up, over a weekend, the short-term temporary workers it needed to complete the job. But Ian Gibson, Nissan's managing director, says: "I do not see the so-called social chapter adding enormously to costs." He argues that even if costs were increased, the company would seek to win them back through increased productivity — suggesting that the social chapter would in effect "make us more efficient and more competitive".

Tim Eggar sums up the official view on inward investment: "It's the best objective assessment of competitiveness you can get."

TOP TEN RECENT INWARD INVESTMENTS

a) By Capital Investment

	Year	Company	Country of origin	Amount of investment £m
1	1989	Toyota	Japan	450
2	1994	Samsung	Korea	450
3	1989	Fujitsu	Japan	400
4	1995	Fujitsu	Japan	400
5	1995	Jaguar	USA	400
6	1994	Honda	Japan	330
7	1994	Motorola	USA	250
8	1994	SCA	Sweden	250
9	1995	Nissan	Japan	250
10	1995	Toyota	Japan	200

Source: DTI

b) By Jobs

	Year	Company	Country of origin	Number of Jobs
1	1995	Jaguar	USA	6,000
2	1989	Nissan	Japan	4,200
3	1994	Samsung	Korea	3,200
4	1994	Honda	Japan	2,000
5	1994	NEC	Japan	2,000
6	1995	Siemens	Germany	1,800
7	1989	Fujitsu	Japan	1,600
8	1991	Sony	Japan	1,400
9	1995	Toyota	Japan	1,000
10	1995	N Telecom	USA	900

Source: DTI

Staying ahead of the festive card fraudsters

Sara McConnell finds banks are ready for a rush in 'plastic' crime

Christmas starts early and finishes late for plastic-card fraudsters. From now until the January sales, they will be out in force looking for rich pickings, particularly in busy shops at tills manned by inexperienced, temporary staff.

But card-issuers are determined not to allow fraud losses to rise to the dizzy peak of 1991, when the industry collectively lost £165 million. Shocked into action, issuers fought back. By last year, losses were £96.8 million.

In the last four years, banks have invested heavily in sophisticated fraud detection technology, staff training and research. They have made their cards more difficult to copy by building in new security features. They have started working together, exchanging information to eradicate fraud. Underlying all this is a fundamental change in the issuers' approach to fraud management. Ian Ogilvie, Midland Bank's head of risk management, says: "There was a lot of focus in the 1980s on the back end — the cops and robbers approach. Now, in the 1990s, the emphasis is on the front end — analysing and checking patterns." He adds: "To me, fraud is a marketing issue. Know your customer, know your criminal."

This new cerebral approach to card fraud does not mean there will be no arrests at shop counters around Christmas. Barclays has promised that police officers on mountain bikes will be poised, as they "traditionally" have been, to swoop on fraudsters as they hand over suspect cards. Plain-clothes police will be on duty in shopping centres to detect attempts at card fraud. Midland's fraud managers still describe card frauds as "attacks", "scams" and "stings" in best police vernacular. Good old-fashioned arrests are a vital part of the battle against fraud.

But a fraudster caught at the till is now more likely to be part of an international gang than a lone chancer. The card he or she is using is likely to be an impressive counterfeit, bearing the number of a real card whose owner still has the original and is unaware of the fraud. Counterfeit cards accounted for nearly 10 per cent of all fraud losses in 1994. Barclays says: "The crime has changed. We have squeezed out the opportunists. The sort of criminals we have now draw up business plans. They see fraud as a way of generating income."

> ❛ The sort of criminals we have draw up business plans ❜

Such sophisticated crooks call for equally sophisticated response. Banks are investing heavily in "behavioural" systems, which compare "normal" spending patterns on cards with fraudulent patterns. As Christmas approaches, banks have to reprogramme their systems because people's shopping patterns start to bear an uncanny resemblance to those of fraudsters.

Drink, electrical goods, jewellery and clothes are always popular with crooks because they are easy to exchange for cash. They are also not expensive enough to excite curiosity or exceed a shop's set floor limit above which the shop is meant to authorise purchases. But, at Christmas, issuers have to tread carefully to avoid accusing bona fide customers of fraud just because they are buying a few well-earned bottles of champagne.

Banks' computer systems automatically check purchases against normal spending patterns, scoring them for possible fraud. At the Midland, staff check through the highest scoring card numbers and contact customers to see if they have their cards. In many cases they do, but their number has been used on a counterfeit card. One customer's statement bore obvious signs of fraud — ten transactions on a single day at a branch of Tesco.

Such pattern checking now goes further than just a single card. The aim is to build up patterns. A number of cards used at the same retailer could mean the retailer was crooked. A batch of cards intercepted in the same postal district could indicate thieves at a sorting office. Banks share information with the police. All this has helped but fraud prevention can be disheartening work. Mr Ogilvie says: "Fraud is like a balloon. Wherever you press, it bulges out elsewhere."

BUSINESS LETTERS

Insure directors for victims' sake

From Mr Nigel Wilkins

Sir, After monitoring, for many years, the losses suffered by shareholders, employees and creditors of companies controlled by rogue directors, I find little merit in Simon Roper's arguments against professional indemnity insurance for company directors (Business Letters, November 2).

Indemnity insurance should be compulsory for directors, not as a means of letting auditors off the hook but to provide additional protection to victims of dishonest directors.

Such insurance is even more essential in the event of fraud since it is highly likely that the fraudulent directors would have taken the precaution of moving their assets beyond the jurisdiction of the courts.

Since there are criminal as well as civil remedies against fraud, the question of moral hazard is less serious than Mr Roper suggests. The agency problem would not arise if directors themselves were responsible for providing their own indemnity insurance, rather than the companies on whose boards they sit.

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Conservatives undermining the firms that Sid bought

From Dr Kenneth Gulleford

Sir, Tom Benyon's thesis that the private investor is disadvantaged in comparison with the institutions ("Why the parties need to woo Sid", November 8) is valid so far as it goes, but it tells less than half the story.

The more severe problem facing Sids like myself is the unscrupulous campaign by the Conservatives to undermine the companies which they induced the public to buy. Ostensibly the object was to benefit the consumer but in reality to enhance their own electoral prospects by claiming to be the conquerors of inflation.

Their unremitting hostility to British Gas is perhaps the most severe example. This company has had to endure its markets being handed to competitors, who it is then obliged to mollycoddle, its management disrupted by having to co-operate in its own demise according to a timetable bereft of industrial logic and with only the next general election in mind. All this is not to mention the regulators, about whose independence from politicians I am, at best, sceptical, who have demanded stringent price-cutting on a scale previously unknown in any large-scale enterprise.

I sold half of my holding in British Gas in 1994 for 341p, but dithered over the rest, now down to 229p, a loss of 33 per cent in value, and going down. If British Gas is now in terminal decline, as the regulator is suggesting, it will be nothing to do with Cedric Brown's salary but death by a thousand cuts inflicted by the Conservative Party.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH GULLEFORD,
Wheatsheaf House,
4 Carmelite Street, EC4.

BICC's high targets may not be in the interests of shareholders

From Mr Peter Charles

Sir, Pennington praises Alan Jones of BICC (November 16), as a sensible man wanting all the businesses within the company to earn a return on capital of 20 per cent.

Shareholders may not view his demand quite so favourably. With inflation currently below 3 per cent and moving towards the Government's target 2.5 per cent, Mr Jones is asking BICC businesses to make a return in real terms of well over 15 per cent.

What kind of business will be able to earn returns at such a historically high level? BICC may be operating in markets where such high returns can currently be earned, but free market economics would suggest that competition will force margins down — as is reported to be happening in BICC's cables business.

The implication is that BICC is about to embark on an investment programme in a range of high risk ventures where there is potential for high real returns.

Alternatively, the use of such a high target rate of return will focus on projects with short payback periods. This will inevitably direct management towards cost cutting and rationalisation and justify the management in ignoring the more difficult task of building long term growth.

Is this what the sensible shareholder would demand from his chief executive?

Yours faithfully,
PETER CHARLES,
8 Hemington Avenue, N11.

St Michael's future secure

From Mr Keith Oates

Sir, In your report, "M&S looks at future without St Michael" (November 17), you correctly identify a review being undertaken into the clarity and helpfulness of store signage and information but go on to speculate on a future without the St Michael brand name. I can assure all our customers, staff and shareholders that we have no intention now or in the future of dropping the St Michael name.

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The life and times of a hotel chain that has booked its place in history

A proud family under the spotlight

By Jon Ashworth and Philip Pangalos

GRANADA'S *blitzkrieg* swoop on Forte has forced a proud and secretive family into the full glare of an unwelcome spotlight. Lord Forte, 87 this weekend, could scarcely have imagined that the empire he founded from such humble origins so many years ago, would face so serious a threat so late in the day. For his son, Sir Rocco, the clash with Gerry Robinson threatens to be a make-or-break struggle.

Sir Rocco and his sister, Olga Polizzi, are directly in the firing line in terms of financial investments in Forte. Sir Rocco held 14,422,975 shares in the company at the end of January, worth £50.6 million at yesterday's closing price of 351p. His exercisable options would provide an additional profit of almost £972,000 if exercised at yesterday's closing price.

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Sir Rocco, who was paid £459,298 in salary and bonuses in the last financial year, had a non-beneficial interest in a further 9,085,886 shares, worth about £31.9 million. He draws more than £1 million in dividends annually.

Mrs Polizzi, who was last year named as the UK's highest paid female executive, with a reported income of £2.2 million, held 10,259,589 shares in Forte at the close of the last financial year. They are worth about £36 million at the current share price. Her exercisable options would provide a profit of about £289,000 if exercised at yesterday's closing price. Mrs Polizzi had a non-beneficial interest in a further 5,420,223 shares, worth about £19 million.

Lord Forte, president, had a beneficial interest in 13,356,311 ordinary shares, worth nearly £46.9 million at yesterday's closing price. Non-family directors with significant shareholdings include Sir Paul Girolami, former chairman of Glaxo, and Sir Anthony Tennant, chairman of Christie's, and previously at Guinness. Their stakes are worth in the region of £740,000 and £129,000 respectively.

Tito Chiandetti, director of catering services, held a stake worth nearly £853,000 at the end of January, and stood to make an additional profit of about £248,000 from share options. George Proctor, group commercial director, had 127,849 shares, worth nearly £449,000. His exercisable options would provide an additional profit of about £240,000 if exercised at yesterday's closing price. Mr Proctor also had a non-beneficial interest in a further 23,892,406 shares, worth about £83.8 million. All directors are on one-year service contracts.

The dizzy sums are a far cry from the £2,000 borrowed by Charles Forte in 1935 and used to fund the Meadow Milk Bar in Upper Regent Street, London. He bought his first hotel — The Waldorf — in 1958, and took Forte public in 1962, laying the foundations for three decades of spectacular growth.

Sir Rocco has only recently begun to stamp his authority on a company which was inextricably linked with his father for so long. He and his wife, Aliai, have three children. Mrs Polizzi, the eldest of Lord Forte's five daughters, is responsible for decor and design at the Forte hotels.

Lord Forte at the The Waldorf after a refurbishment costing £12.5 million must wonder what has hit the company

Sir Rocco, Aliai, his wife, Olga Polizzi, his sister, and Lady Forte are under the glare of publicity after the bid

Savoy Hotel among the prizes

THE PICK OF THE FORTE CROP

VICTORY for Granada will bring a fascinating range of hotels into its clutches — and what would happen to them is proving a source of lively debate (Jon Ashworth writes).

The prizes include: the Savoy Hotel. Top of the so-called "trophy" hotels, it has 154 rooms and 48 suites. Permanent residents include Richard Harris. Kerry Packer and Luciano Pavarotti favour its charms. It has been awarded five red stars by the Automobile Association (AA) — the highest five-star rating available. Single rooms start at £180 a night; doubles from £245. The two-bed river suite costs £905 a night.

The Waldorf is Forte's first big catch. Acquired in 1958, it is known for its Sean Connery-lookalike doorman. It has 292 rooms. Single rooms start at £165; doubles at £185. It features the Palm Court, famed for its tea dances.

The Hyde Park Hotel is over the road from Harvey Nichols and is also the holder of five red stars. The 186 rooms include 19 suites. The hotel is home to Marco Pierre White's restaurant, known as The Restaurant. Singles are at £205; doubles at £240.

The Grosvenor House is the sprawling colossus on Park Lane, usually associated with turgid 1,500-strong dinners in the Great Room. It has 454 bedrooms and suites; 140 apartments. Single rooms are at £200; doubles at £225.

Le Méridien Piccadilly is ideal for West End shopping sprees. It has 266 rooms and the lure of a Champneys health club. Singles are at £215; doubles at £230.

Hotel Plaza Athénée, New York, is the fashionable retreat on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Its 153 rooms, including two penthouses and 36 suites, start at £288. It also offers the popular Le Régence restaurant.

Hotel George V has been a landmark in Paris since the 1930s. It offers 260 rooms, including 19 suites, six de luxe suites, and one presidential suite. Conference facilities are available for up to 900 , with the latest high-tech gadgets. Rooms start at £200.

The Ritz, Madrid, is situated near Retiro Park and faces the Prado museum. Its 156 bedrooms and 26 suites sport embroidered linen sheets and handwoven carpets. Weekend leisure breaks start at £330 per two nights, based on two people sharing. Further nights from £166.

Le Méridien Paradise Cove, Mauritius, has been relaunched after a £1 million refit. It is set in ten acres in secluded cove with access to small private beaches. There are 64 bedrooms. Singles start at £210; doubles at £317.

Who's who at the 'canteen'

CITY tycoons regard the Savoy Grill as their personal "canteen", and any threat to its future is a matter of grave concern. The regulars return again and again — Professor Sir Roland Smith dining by the wall; Sir David English holding court at table 31 (Jon Ashworth writes).

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare goes for the bangers and mash. Attempts to introduce a Jeffrey Archer vegetarian sausage on to the menu met with dismal failure. Sir Denis Thatcher likes haddock and fish cakes — but not at the same time — and always sits at table 34. Richard Harris loves the food, but his aversion to jacket and tie has caused problems. Angelo Maresca, the restaurant manager, has been known to put a screen round his table.

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The Grill has long proved a magnet to City "spin-doctors" including Sir Tim Bell and Brian Basham, who enjoy being seen in the company of newspaper editors and proprietors. Sir Winston Churchill sat by the fire escape at table 4 — still one of the most requested spots. Lord King sits at table 33. Lord Hanson dines here occasionally.

Maria Callas and Noel Coward frequented the Grill in a bygone era; as did the Queen Mother. Tony Carmona, the head sommelier, once emptied a Bloody Mary down Sophia Loren's cleavage, claiming to have been startled by a mouse. Current regulars include Sean Connery, Sir John Egan, Kerry Packer, Sir Patrick Sheehy and Sir Richard Attenborough.

MAM team prepares for pivotal role in bid battle

By Patricia Tehan

ONCE AGAIN, Mercury Asset Management finds itself playing a pivotal role in a multi-billion pound hostile takeover bid.

As the holder of a 12.5 per cent stake in Forte and a 14.8 per cent stake in Granada, the way that MAM decides to vote on Granada's surprise £3.4 billion offer for Britain's largest hotels group will influence the rest of the City, whether MAM likes it or not.

MAM has established a team of half a dozen people to evaluate the bid, to talk to both sides and to decide which way to vote. The team includes fund managers with holdings in Forte and Granada, as well as sector specialists. Carol Galley, MAM joint vice-chairman and dubbed the City's most powerful woman, will be charged with approving the decision and informing the two sides which one has MAM's support.

This is a role that Ms Galley is growing used to. Earlier this year, she played a powerful role in the bid by Richemont, the Swiss holding company, for Rothmans, in which MAM held a 10 per cent stake, and 25 per cent of the minority holding.

Ms Galley also held the key to Granada's hostile £725 million bid for London Weekend Television last year. With 15 per cent of LWT, MAM's decision was crucial. MAM backed Granada, in the belief that it was offering a premium for LWT shares that it could not envisage LWT achieving by itself over the next five years. Granada won LWT.

MAM has seen the potential in Forte for years. Its hotel assets are among the most valuable in Europe. The fund manager has spent the past 20 years building up its 12.5 per cent Forte stake. A spokesman said: "We have been long-time holders of Forte because we have seen it as offering good long-term value."

Galley: big decision

Forte's attraction to MAM has been as much in the perceived value of its property portfolio as its management strategy and vision.

MAM became drawn to Granada with the arrival of Gerry Robinson in 1991. Since then, he has been behind an aggressive expansion policy that has won him admirers in the City.

At yesterday's prices, Granada's offer — four of its shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte shares — valued Forte shares at 329p each, valuing MAM's stake at £389.3 million, way over its £325.4 million worth on Tuesday night, the day before the bid was unveiled.

MAM is not an index manager. A spokesman said: "The nature of our fund management is that we back our judgment." If MAM likes a share, it continues to buy it. It holds about 4 per cent of the UK equity market, and its UK equity portfolio is worth an estimated £40 billion.

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However, it does not buy shares simply to ensure that it has sufficient weighting in a sector. Of the UK FT-SE companies that it does like, a typical stake could be anything from 10 per cent to 20 per cent. If it does not like a company, it will not buy the shares.

The spokesman said: "It is not as though we are sitting around buying big stakes in companies because we think they are going to be taken over. We buy because a company represents good value. If someone else sees that value and makes an offer, all well and good."

MAM must now decide whether Granada's bid offers full value. If so, as a significant holder of Granada shares, it must also decide whether Mr Robinson's credentials as a hotelier are sufficient to lead a successful integration of the two businesses, or whether, as the Forte camp will undoubtedly argue, he has, in his enthusiasim to do a big deal, picked the wrong target.

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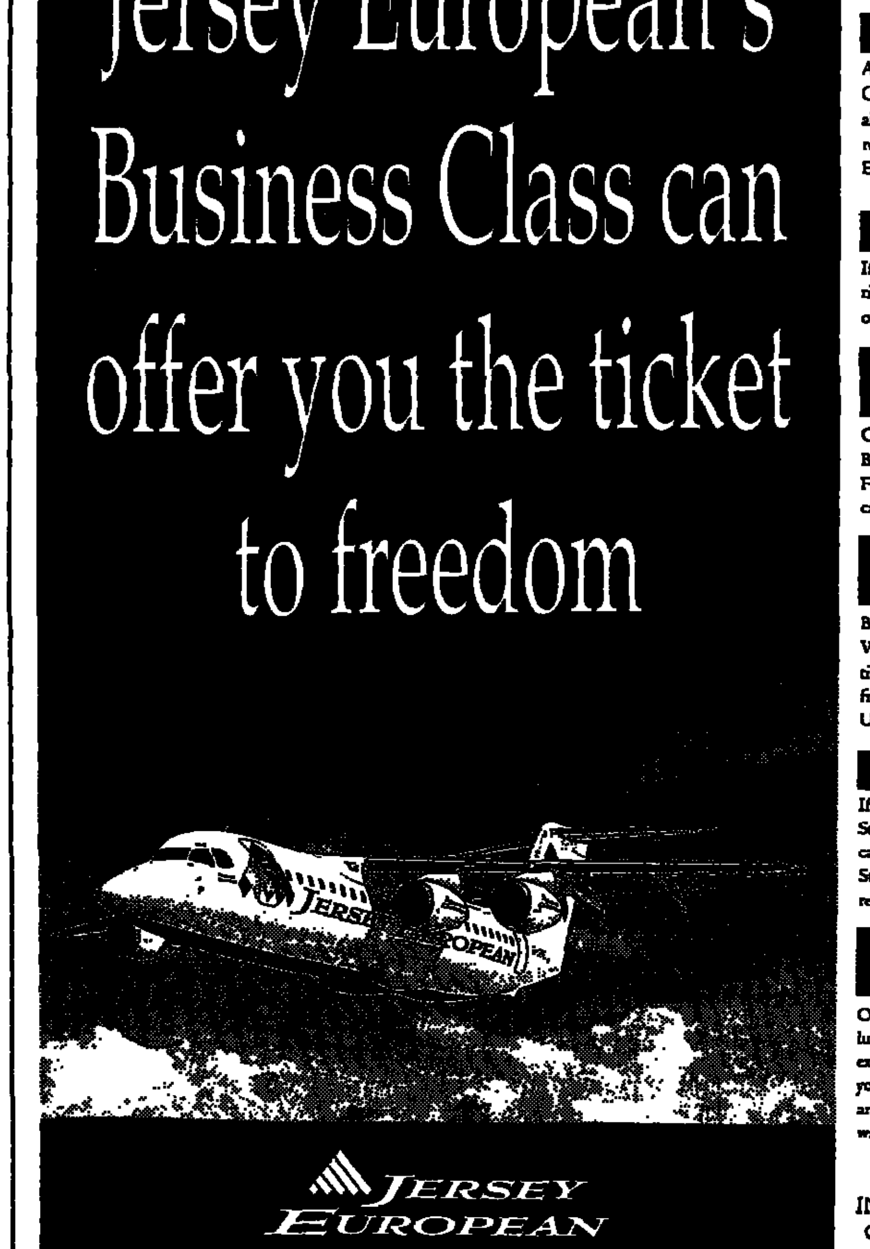

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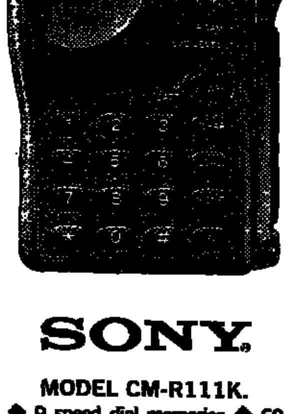

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Storehouse squeezes more profit from sales

By Sarah Bagnall

STOREHOUSE, the Mothercare and Bhs retail group, squeezed more profit out of sales made in the 28 weeks to October 14.

Pre-tax profits climbed 42 per cent to £34.5 million in spite of a slight fall in sales from £519.2 million to £518.8 million. The marked advance in performance was reflected in a near two-point surge in gross margin, helped by improved fortunes from Mothercare, Bhs and Blazer together with continued tight control on costs.

The shares rose 10p to 322p as analysts upgraded their full-year profit forecasts.

Keith Edelman, Storehouse chief executive, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the group's full-year prospects, and emphasised that the outcome depended largely on the crucial Christmas trading. He said sales had been slow in October but had started to pick up. Overall, he expected stronger sales growth in the second half.

Mothercare had a "very successful first half, with equipment and babycare leading the way", Mr Edelman said. The business lifted operating profits by 120 per cent to £9.3 million on the back of stronger sales, up six per cent at £164.9 million. Stripping out the impact of new space, like-for-like sales advanced two per cent.

Mothercare's gross margin rose 3.1 points, an achievement he said that was unlikely to be repeated in the second half.

Mr Edelman said Bhs sales failed to meet expectations, falling 3 per cent to £346.6 million. Sales were hit by the weather, a less-generous discount offered to holders of the group's Choice loyalty card, and the loss of sales resulting from the disposal earlier this year of One Up, the low-priced clothing and homewares chain.

In spite of the decline in sales, Bhs managed to lift profits by 10 per cent to £20.8 million. Bhs lifted gross margin by 1.5 points, reflecting the sale of One Up, which removed lower margin sales from the figures, reduced markdowns, and the tougher conditions on the loyalty card.

Mr Edelman said Bhs's best-performing divisions were womenswear and lingerie while sales of lighting and childrenswear fell.

The dividend was lifted 11 per cent from 2.7p to 3p and Mr Edelman said the increase was less than the growth in earnings per share, reflecting the group's desire to change the split between the interim and final payments.

The dividend, due February 8, is being paid out of earnings of 5.6p a share, up from 3.9p last time.

Mothercare's refurbishment programme was progressing, Mr Edelman said. By next April, more than 60 per cent of trading space would have been refurbished. During the second half, Storehouse plans to open seven new Bhs stores and three Mothercare stores.

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Microsoft sells stake in Dorling

By Philip Pangalos

MICROSOFT Corporation, Bill Gates's US software company, has sold its entire 17.9 per cent stake in Dorling Kindersley, the publisher of books and CD-Roms.

The shares were placed yesterday, at 507p each, with UK and continental European investors by Goldman Sachs, which acted as lead manager and book runner for the offering, and Cazenove, the co-lead manager. Dorling Kindersley shares added 23p to 527p.

Microsoft said earlier this month that it intended to sell up to 12.08 million shares, depending on demand, price and market conditions.

Microsoft became a 26 per cent shareholder in the publisher after investing £8 million in March 1991, when the two companies began a trading relationship, but Microsoft saw its stake diluted to 17.9 per cent after Dorling Kindersley's flotation in October 1992.

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Right spirit: Geoffrey Maddrell, left, and Peter Darbyshire, managing director, saw profits improve 52 per cent

Strategy starts to pay off as distiller soars

By Martin Barrow

MACDONALD MARTIN Distilleries, the Glenmorangie single malt whisky company, achieved a 52 per cent rise in profits at the halfway stage as the benefits of a strategic plan implemented by Geoffrey Maddrell, the new chief executive, began to materialise.

In the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits rose to £4.02 million from £2.63 million.

The advance was assisted by a £500,000 exceptional net property gain and the absence of last year's £440,000 termination payments and joint venture costs, but underlying profits were up 15 per cent in a difficult market.

Turnover increased 10 per cent to £18.1 million and the operating margin improved to 22.7 per cent from 21.6 per cent because of tight control of costs. Total case sales were up 8 per cent in volume but bulk blend sales were down by half, affected by the change of US distributor and by a decision not to renew a contract in South Africa.

Progress was made in the development of Glenmorangie as an international brand, with a further 4 per cent increase in sales and a 10 per cent increase in profitability. Shipments to America, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands were healthy, although trading in France and Japan was affected by competition.

The company's Highland Queen brand is now established as one of India's best sellers.

Macdonald Martin is negotiating with authorities in China to establish a foothold for its brands, after extensive market research.

Benefiting from a change in the tax treatment of depreciation on distillery assets, earnings rose 64 per cent to 20.93p per A share and to 10.46p per B share. Dividends are increased 10 per cent to 2.75p per A share and to 1.375p per B share.

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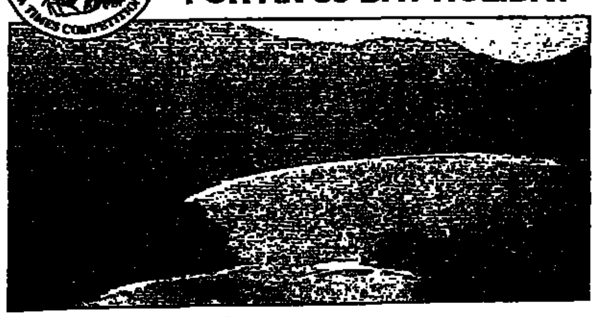

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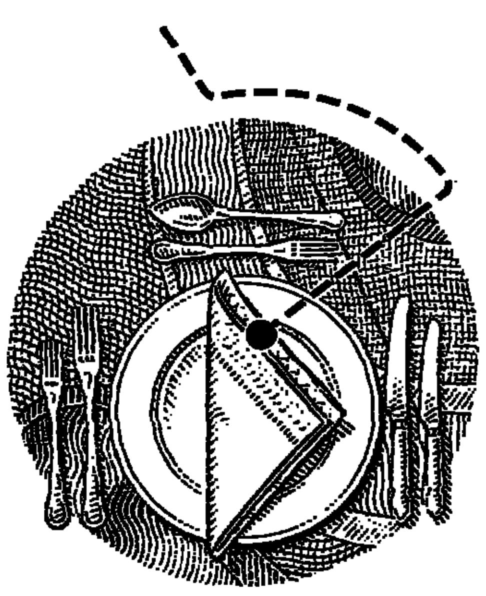

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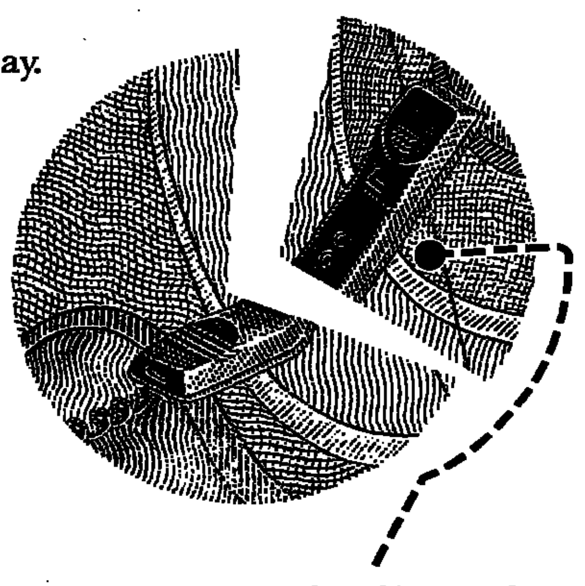

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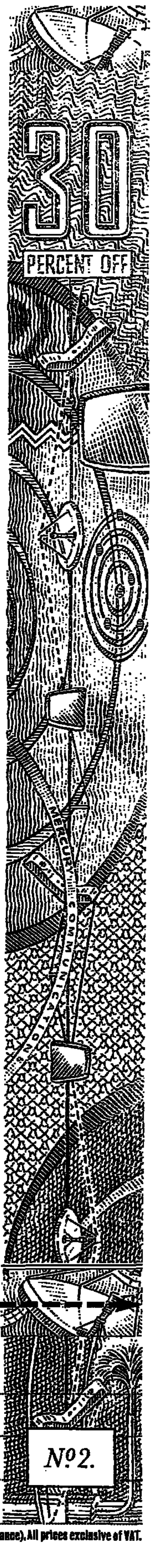

Shares in Powell Duffryn hit after unexpected loss

By Martin Barrow

SHARES in Powell Duffryn, the port services and fuel distribution company, fell 66p to 489p yesterday after it disclosed an unexpected first-half loss, beset by hefty exceptional charges.

The company is holding the interim dividend at 8p a share after incurring losses of £13 million before tax for the six months to September 30. These losses were struck after net exceptional charges of almost £30 million and compared with profits of £17 million previously. Losses were 18.5p a share, compared with earnings of 17.9p.

The charges comprised the settlement of a long-running German lawsuit for £13 million; net losses of £10 million after a fire at a storage terminal in Savannah, Georgia; and the write-off of goodwill at Metalair-Filliat, a manufacturer of bulk powder tankers, which has suffered depressed and competitive market conditions.

At the operating level, there was an increase in profits to £20.4 million, from £14.7 million. David Hubbard, the chairman, said that the company had managed "a sound performance in subdued markets".

The downturn was evident in the oil and gas distribution business, which were affected by mild weather and adverse fuel prices, and bulk liquid storage in America, which also suffered disruption because of the Savannah fire.

On the positive side, Mr Hubbard said that the ports businesses were trading well, while Hamworthy Combustion, which operates in the marine and industrial sectors, enjoyed an improvement in demand in mainland Europe and export markets.

Group turnover advanced to £435.1 million, from £353.9 million, partly reflecting the consolidation of Teesside Holdings and Humberside Holdings, which were formerly partly-owned associated companies.

Last December, Powell Duffryn paid £82.3 million to acquire the minority interests in Teesside, owner of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, and Humberside, which provides port services on the east coast.

This was part-funded from the proceeds of a £70.7 million rights issue, with new shares offered at 440p.

During the year, the company also acquired Bellis & Morcom from Rolls-Royce Power, Engineering for £14.4 million.

Mr Hubbard said: "Profits for the second half are tempered as always by the unpredictable effect of the winter on our oil and gas distribution activities, where automotive fuel margins are also under intense pressure.

"That apart, there is no reason to believe at this stage that the year will not see another sound trading outcome for the group."

The unchanged dividend will be paid January 9.

David Hubbard, the chairman, said the port businesses were trading well

Institutions get tough on polluters

By Marianne Curphey

COMPANIES which consistently break environmental regulations will be boycotted for investment by many of the world's largest insurers, following an agreement in Geneva yesterday.

Swiss Re, the reinsurer, General Accident, the insurer, National Provident Institution, the pensions manager, Sumitomo, the Japanese marine and fire-insurance company, and ten other insurers said they would refuse to invest in companies which regularly polluted rivers or land.

The statement of environmental commitment, signed by all 14 companies at the United Nations headquarters, reflects growing public concern that consistent polluters should be punished.

There has been a huge increase in demand for ethical funds which invest only in companies with "green" credentials. Big reinsurers have already hinted that they would like pollution cover stripped out of general commercial insurance policies.

John Fisher, head of corporate communications at NPI, said criteria for boycotting companies would not be as strict as for ethical funds, but "if we had to choose between a company which was regularly fined for breaches of environmental law and one which behaved itself, we would choose the latter. This makes financial sense as well because consistent offenders are often badly-run companies."

Lord Remnant, NPI's chairman, said in Geneva that NPI's environmental research group regularly fed information to the rest of NPI's investment team. "We are therefore benefiting from early warning signals and our investment managers can adjust their investment portfolios accordingly, although their decisions have to be based on what is driving the market."

Hans Alders, European director of the UN Environment Programme, said: "Insurers know that a few major disasters caused by extreme climate events or toxic-waste spills could literally bankrupt the industry in the next decade."

He said all insurance companies with an environmental policy in place, or in the process of preparing one, were eligible to become signatories.

Energis looks for partners

By Eric Reguly

ENERGIS, the loss-making telecommunications company owned by the National Grid, is looking for partners in an attempt to reverse its fortunes.

The prospectus of the Grid, which is scheduled for a £3.8 billion flotation next month, stated that Energis is not living up to expectations and should be made part of a larger group.

It said: "Its business is developing more slowly than envisaged . . . Energis is evaluating the opportunities to strengthen its position through equity partnerships, joint ventures or other forms of strategic alliance."

Launched in 1984, Energis built a national trunk network at minimum cost by stringing 4,000 kms of high-capacity fibre-optic cables under existing electricity pylons.

The system was the most modern in the country but there was difficulty finding customers in a market where telecoms capacity has become a fairly inexpensive commodity. Capacity can also be bought on the networks operated by BT, Mercury Communications and British Rail Telecom, British Rail's private phone network.

Energis lost £53 million in the year to March 31, on top of the £13 million it lost last year, and another £40 million in the six months to the end of September.

Gordon Owen, chairman of Energis, has held talks with potential partners including AT&T, America's largest international phone company, that were unsuccessful. He has also has explored the possibility of forging links with the cable companies, which hope to set up a national phone system in competition with BT. No deal with any potential partner is thought to be imminent.

Energis intends to offer new services in an attempt put more traffic on to its wires. One idea is to offer a videotelephony service to its customers — among them the BBC and Hertz — next year. Personal computers would be used as the phones' video terminals.

Energis is negotiating with PC suppliers in an effort to get the system going.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ferry Pickering agrees Wace bid

WACE GROUP, the specialist print and electronic imaging group, has emerged as the bidder for Ferry Pickering, a supplier of specialist packaging and folding cartons. The companies yesterday announced the terms of a recommended bid by Wace Group valuing Ferry Pickering at £26.2 million. Investors in Ferry Pickering are being offered 195p a share in cash, representing a 45.5 per cent premium over the share price on November 17, when bid discussions between the two companies were first disclosed.

In 1994, Ferry Pickering earned operating profits of £1.9 million on turnover of £25.6 million. Interim operating profits, for the half-year to the end of June, were £900,000 on turnover of £13.2 million. At June 30, net assets were £14.9 million. Wace also announced yesterday the acquisition of the trade, assets and goodwill of Hallmark's greeting cards manufacturing facility near Dublin for £6.5 million. The business, which employs 220 people, earned profits before tax of £300,000.

Peptide float price set

A FLOTATION price tag of 200p per share has been put on Peptide Therapeutics, the company announced yesterday. The price values the biopharmaceutical development group at £68 million when share dealing begins on November 30. Dr Brian Richards, chairman, said the board was delighted with the response from institutional investors to the flotation. He added: "Demand has exceeded expectations and the funds raised will play an important role in accelerating a number of exciting product development programmes currently under way."

Regent issues warning

REGENT CORPORATION has given warning that it would build half the number of homes this year than in the previous 12 months. It said it would come as no surprise to shareholders to learn that its performance in the six months to the end of September had been well below directors' expectations. The group plans to build 34 houses in the year to March 31, compared with 66 in the previous 12 months. It also said that it was unlikely to pay a dividend; but to boost its finances, the company, based in Sutton, Surrey, is planning to raise £1.54 million through placing and offer. The shares fell 2½p to 5p.

France holds key rates

THE Bank of France held its key rates unchanged yesterday after a meeting of its independent monetary policy council. The bank held its repurchase rate at 6.10 per cent, the tender rate at 4.80 per cent and the overnight rate at 5.37 per cent. Last Thursday, the Bank of France eased its tender rate by 0.20 points to 4.80 per cent and its repurchase rate by 0.25 points to 6.10 per cent. Most analysts had expected the Bank of France to maintain its key rates but said that rates would probably fall within the next few weeks because European economies were slowing down.

Iraq plans oil exports

MUHAMMAD RASHID, Iraq's oil minister, said he expected to resume oil sales next year in a "responsible" manner and could immediately produce 2.5 million barrels a day, exporting 2 million barrels. He said other Opec ministers, who met this week to determine next year's production ceiling, had given him no reason to think Iraq could not get back into the market smoothly. Mr Rashid accused the US Administration of finding repeated excuses to keep Iraq from selling its oil. Iraq has been barred from oil sales since it invaded Kuwait, an Opec member, in 1990.

Abacus and Polar link

ABACUS and Polar, the electronic components companies, have agreed to join forces to create a new group with annual sales of about £100 million. Abacus has offered £35.9 million, on the basis of 443p a share. Polar's shares rose 49p to 427p while Abacus advanced 1p to 279p. Directors of Polar have given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer in respect of their 46.5 per cent holding. Abacus also reported that it made £6.6 million pre-tax in the year to September 30, compared with £4.2 million in the previous 12 months. The dividend total is increased from 4p to 4.8p.

Low rates force investors into high-risk markets

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

INVESTORS have returned to higher-risk markets, prompted by the low level of interest rates in leading countries around the world.

According to a report published today by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), based in Basle, such activity encouraged "a wide variety of borrowers to raise a record volume of funds through the international securities markets".

But it also found that the Mexican crisis was still fresh in the minds of international investors, which meant that "awareness of credit risk remained accute".

As a result, more risky borrowers were charged high premiums and investors paid more attention to other aspects of the financing equation such as the type of securities purchased, their maturity structure and the quality of their collateral backing.

The report, *International Banking and Financial Market Developments*, showed that Euro-notes accounted for 56 per cent of net financing conducted through the international securities markets, reflecting advantages "such as their flexibility and the cost savings associated with issuance under single documentation".

The amount of international banking activity picked up, with a high proportion of syndicated loans serving to refinancing earlier loans or to finance mergers and acquisitions.

In spite of concerns raised by international banking regulators, lending margins continued to slip, particularly for "prime borrowers".

The report shows that borrowers in America were particularly active, accounting for almost half of the total lending in the international banking market.

It also shows that financing terms offered to borrowers from eastern Europe and Asia eased.

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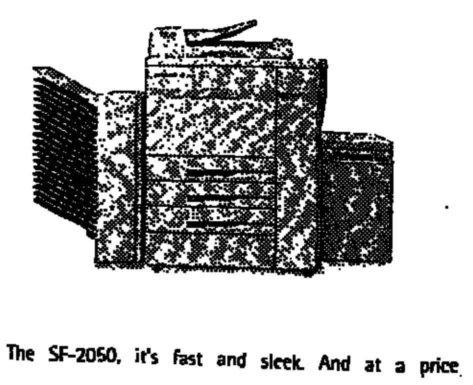

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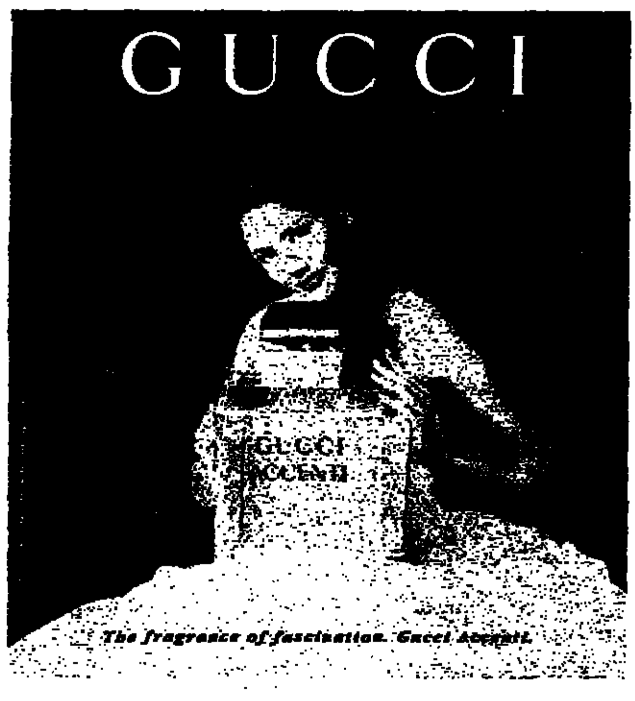
Grolund Equity	268.80	287.10	+ 0.20	1.96
Grolund Euro	239.10	253.00	- 0.80	0.91
Grolund Eqit Bal	121.70	126.10		1.11
Grolund Gilt	75.98	78.33	+ 0.26	5.18
Grolund Japan	165.10	174.70†	+ 0.40	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	610.30	649.30	- 1.40	2.65
General Inc	524.20	557.70	- 1.40	2.65
UK Growth Acc	413.70	440.20†	- 1.00	2.85
UK Growth Inc	275.70	293.30†	- 0.70	2.85
Higher Inc Acc	766.40	815.40†	- 0.40	4.11
Higher Inc Inc	426.60	453.90†	- 0.40	4.11
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	204.00	215.50	+ 0.50	5.60
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.82	99.00	+ 0.26	5.60
Nth America	327.00	347.90†	- 1.50	
Europe	314.80	334.90	- 1.30	0.77
Brit Excelt	82.75	88.04†	- 0.27	2.96
Brit Frndmtls Acc	111.30	118.50	- 0.10	4.74
Brit Frndmtls Inc	77.90	82.91	- 0.10	4.74
Global Opps	92.27	98.17†	- 0.34	0.30
Balanced Acc	59.71	63.53†	- 0.09	2.88
Balanced Inc	57.15	60.80†	- 0.07	2.88
Japan Acc	44.52	47.37	+ 0.19	
Pac Basin Acc	362.40	385.60†	- 1.90	0.97
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.00	140.00	+ 0.50	7.14
High Inc Equity	175.50	187.70†	- 0.20	4.19
Worldwide Bond	288.70	306.10†	- 1.10	4.57
Capital Growth				
American Growth	326.10	348.80	- 1.50	0.36
Asian Pacific	295.60	316.10	- 1.10	..
Assets & Earnings	287.10	305.40†	- 0.80	2.80
Comdty & Energy	110.60	118.30	- 0.50	0.11
Euro Capital Inc	148.90	159.30	- 0.80	0.61
-do- Accum	159.80	170.90	- 0.70	0.60
General	261.60	278.30	..	2.99
Japan	117.20	125.30	+ 0.10	
Mastertrust	149.70	160.10	- 0.30	1.47
UK Emerging Cos	169.50	180.30	- 0.30	
Ethical	73.63	78.33	+ 0.42	2.54
International	122.40	130.20		0.70
Dividend & Growth	66.11	70.33	- 0.02	4.00
Global Gwth & Sec	70.09	74.85	+ 0.04	2.83
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1964.00	2041.00	+ 4.00	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	52.90	54.93†	+ 0.11	0.56
Cash	50.53	50.53	+ 0.02	5.79
Emerging Mkts	62.20	65.92	+ 0.26	0.05
European	128.30	134.20	- 0.80	
Exempt	1024.00	1096.00†	+ 11.30	1.70
Extra Income #	48.99	52.49	- 0.07	6.48
Far East Emg Ecn	112.40	119.30	+ 0.20	0.52
Fixed Interest #	23.18	24.34†	+ 0.04	9.65
Fund Inv Tst	164.10	172.70†	+ 0.10	9.01
Japan	176.00	184.50	+ 0.60	.
Latin American	45.23	47.47	+ 0.16	1.03
Pacific	75.93	80.28	+ 0.05	0.33
Property Share	61.84	64.92	+ 0.05	2.70
UK Emerging Cos	69.46	73.29	+ 0.06	1.69
UK Growth	48.58	51.44†	- 0.04	2.28
Abes World Port #	76.80	78.24†	- 0.05	2.09
Ethical	71.75	75.31	+ 0.08	2.34
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	51.04	51.04	+ 0.07	7.36
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	93.89	99.89†	+ 0.02	.
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property	97.50	104.00	..	5.26
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	81.65	86.63	+ 0.22	2.37
Income Builder Inc	75.68	80.51	+ 0.05	2.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	256.60	274.30†	- 2.00	2.84
Capital	454.20	485.90†	- 3.10	1.70
Balanced	756.50	808.80	- 5.20	2.46
Accumulator	1421.00	1519.00†	- 10.00	2.67
Income Trusts				
American Income	55.23	59.04	- 0.07	3.01
High Income	421.50	450.50	- 3.20	3.43
Equity Income	236.90	253.20	- 1.80	3.29
High Yield	255.50	273.10†	- 1.90	3.18
Govt Securities	34.17	36.07†	+ 0.09	5.88
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	181.70	194.20	- 0.20	0.36
European Growth	42.34	45.13	- 0.12	0.01
International	171.70	183.50	- 0.70	0.18
Japan	191.30	203.60	+ 0.50	0.01
Pacific	377.50	403.50	+ 0.30	0.01
Secs of America	513.40	547.10†	- 7.50	0.42
Wwide Asset Val	50.95	54.46	- 0.26	0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	567.00	606.10†	- 4.10	2.11
Cons & Gilt	44.62	47.69	- 0.15	4.86
Smaller Cos	189.40	202.40†	- 0.20	1.10
2nd Smaller Cos	179.20	191.50	- 0.10	1.27
Recovery	150.70	161.00†	- 0.30	1.63
Met Min & Cdty	166.80	178.30†	+ 0.30	0.67
Oseas-Earnings	380.30	406.50	- 3.80	1.69
Technology	205.10	219.20†	- 1.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	520.20	556.00†	- 3.70	1.56
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cmrcd Dvl Pens	109.00	113.20	.	3.84
Foundtn Persl Pens	64.93	67.45	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	75.42	80.29	- 0.26	1.81
International	65.67	69.80	..	..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	283.60	304.00	- 2.40	...
Bond	118.80	125.80†	+ 0.80	6.70
Brit Smlr Cos	110.50	117.50	..	1.69
Conv & Gen #	69.92	73.32†	+ 0.05	5.38
Europe	233.70	248.70†	- 0.30	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	105.30	112.20†	- 0.40	0.63
Income Gwth	375.90	398.90	- 1.50	3.84
Japan	310.00	330.20†	+ 0.70	...
Latin American	64.70	68.83	+ 0.44	..
Pacific	102.20	108.70	- 0.58	1.29
UK Smlr Cos	58.83	62.59	- 0.19	1.29
Japan Fd	651.00	671.50	+ 1.30	.
Mngd Fd	188.40	200.30†	- 0.50	2.98
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	329.40	346.80	.	0.83
Capital Gwth	119.00	125.30	..	2.62
Wwide Opps	201.10	211.70	..	0.94
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	383.60	399.50†	- 0.20	2.59
European Bd Inc	95.03	98.40	+ 0.10	6.61
Exempt	77.35	82.34†	+ 0.35	4.07
Financial	91.83	98.22†	+ 0.40	2.47
500	469.70	507.70	- 0.30	2.63
General	295.00	315.80	+ 0.40	2.58
Property	244.30	262.10	...	6.30
Trustee	208.10	222.00	- 0.60	2.26
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70†	+ 0.10	6.04
Extra Income #	127.20	138.10†	- 0.30	4.93
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.04	59.98†	+ 0.19	8.29
Income	563.70	602.90	+ 0.40	3.80
Income Builder #	66.69	71.14	- 0.01	5.50
Intl Income	67.21	71.50	+ 0.03	3.24
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	130.80	139.60	+ 0.20	2.26
Leisure	148.00	158.30	- 0.70	1.11
Recovery	445.00	478.00	+ 0.20	2.79
Smllr Cos Inc	48.13	51.81	...	2.15
Special Sits	331.90	355.00	+ 0.40	1.55
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	155.40	165.30†	- 0.50	0.31
Aust Acc	258.80	276.50	- 1.50	1.91
Aust Inc	157.90	168.70	- 0.90	1.91
Euro Smlls Inc	164.50	174.60	- 0.90	0.75
-do- Accum	177.60	188.50	- 1.00	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	156.60	165.90	+ 0.50	..
-do- Accum	158.40	167.80	+ 0.50	..
Japan Spec Sits	71.76	76.02	+ 0.24	..
Univ Tech Inc	88.53	94.45	- 0.48	.
Worldwide	179.30	190.40	- 0.40	0.65
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	112.30	118.70	- 0.30	..
Amer Smllr Cos	148.00	158.30	- 0.50	..
Convertibles	54.70	58.60	+ 0.01	5.78
Eastern	268.30	289.50	+ 0.80	0.30
Equity Income	87.58	93.88†	- 1.67	4.10
European Growth	328.30	348.20	- 0.10	0.80
Europe	269.10	285.70	- 0.10	0.28
German Growth	78.43	83.20	- 0.04	0.50
Global Bond	68.15	71.88	+ 0.12	6.50
Global Growth	136.50	145.40†		..
Japan Growth	195.40	208.20	+ 0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	148.60	158.20	+ 0.50	..
Korea Trust	75.80	81.79	+ 0.60	...
Portfolio	136.90	146.40	- 0.10	2.30
-do- Accum	254.80	272.80	- 0.10	2.30
UK Growth	87.69	93.92	- 0.14	2.79
UK Smaller Cos	84.19	91.78†	- 0.01	2.60
Select Managers	80.52	86.24	+ 0.02	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	82.96	88.28	..	...
Special Oppor Inc	58.62	60.23	..	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	122.32	129.44†	+ 0.07	1.54
-do- Accum	139.56	148.10	+ 0.01	1.54
Smaller Cos	122.40	129.53†	+ 0.28	0.79
Higher Yield #	50.44	53.37†	+ 0.10	4.30
American Gth Inc	81.01	85.72	+ 0.10	..
European Growth	145.79	154.28	- 1.13	0.62
-do- Accum	148.67	157.32	- 1.15	0.62
Global Bond Inc #	27.04	28.02†	- 0.10	7.17
Mngd Ptflo Inc	45.38	48.02	- 0.08	1.48
-do- Accum	46.56	49.25	- 0.08	1.48
Intl Spec Opps	128.72	136.21	- 0.52	...
Pacific Gth	125.20	132.49	- 0.24	0.38
UK General #	84.49	89.41	...	3.17
-do- Accum #	88.01	93.13	....	3.17
Japan	56.91	60.22	+ 0.11	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.02	103.64†	+ 0.42	8.59
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	67.17	68.03	+ 0.12	6.24
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	169.20	180.10	- 0.10	1.73
UK Growth	188.50	200.60	...	2.10
UK Income	141.00	150.10†	+ 0.30	4.29
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 652 100				
Can Gen Dist	213.30	226.10	+ 0.10	1.75
-do- Income Dist	114.90	121.80†	+ 0.20	4.11
-do- Accum	361.50	383.20	+ 0.50	4.11
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.74	44.25	+ 0.16	8.15
Growth Units	228.10	244.00	+ 0.49	2.05
Bond	175.80	184.90	+ 0.50	0.26
Intl Growth	224.60	239.10	- 1.30	0.31
North American	223.30	237.90	- 1.70	0.28
Far East	277.70	297.00	- 1.80	1.13
UK Smaller Cos	198.30	209.80	+ 0.20	1.45
European	88.90	94.52	- 0.34	0.66
Japanese Growth	45.73	48.54	+ 0.13	...
High Income	203.40	217.50	+ 0.30	4.02
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	181.90	193.60	...	...
European Inc	85.95	90.08	- 0.34	1.15
Smaller Cos (4-1)	92.13	98.02	- 0.15	1.57
Growth	482.50	513.30	+ 0.40	1.83
Income & Growth #	436.80	464.50	- 0.80	3.87
-do- Accum #	635.80	676.40	- 1.20	3.87
Japan & Gen	65.79	70.07	+ 0.23	.
Master Portfolio	£109.47	£113.12†	- 4.00	2.29
-do- Accum	£182.76	£197.19	- 4.00	2.29
Special Sits	112.60	119.80	- 0.10	1.82
High Yield	£14.01	£14.45†	- 2.09	4.36

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	92.38	98.58	- 0.22	2.59
American Portfolio	108.68	115.36	- 0.77	0.95
European Portfolio	109.67	116.94	- 0.16	0.49
High Income	51.00	51.66†	+ 0.11	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	64.82	68.96	+ 0.19	
Pacific Portfolio	138.33	146.75	- 0.69	1.50
UK Inc & Growth	85.53	91.68	- 0.30	3.04
Gilts & Bond	57.05	57.68	- 0.49	6.60
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	724.84	735.80	+ 13.38	4.32
Fxd Int Sec	157.38	158.02	+ 1.19	9.11
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	714.18	724.98	+ 9.11	4.40
Investment Acc	£131.45	£131.93	+ 40.43	
Fixed Int Inc	127.58	128.10	+ 1.88	8.98
Fixed Int Acc	212.38	213.15	+ 1.79	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Buckmaster Intl	89.56	94.56†	+ 0.48	3.14
Buck Bio-tech	37.27	40.30	- 1.32	
Acorn Ethical Tst	160.80	168.85		0.73
City Fin Assets	74.77	78.52†		2.87
City Fin America	99.71	104.70	+ 2.13	
City Fin Intl	84.81	89.06†	+ 1.48	0.57
City Fin Japan	144.90	152.16	+ 1.94	
Fram Hse Cap	286.49	309.94		2.36
Fram Hse Inc	193.30	209.32†	..	4.55
Buckley Wrld Gth	133.88	147.91	+ 0.48	
Fairmount Cap Gth	140.77	148.18†	+ 1.71	
Fairmount Intl	148.18	155.90†	+ 1.21	
J Old Inc/Gth Inc	56.79	59.63	- 0.47	1.96
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.60	56.96	- 0.07	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	73.31	78.41	- 0.18	
Dragon Growth	64.88	69.39	- 0.04	1.02
Equity High Inc	87.37	93.61	- 0.23	4.09
-do- Accum	121.30	129.98	- 0.30	4.09
Extra Income Inc	26.54	27.95	+ 0.12	7.39
Extra Income Acc	27.62	29.08	+ 0.12	7.39
European Gwth	56.94	60.57	0.06	1.16
Evergreen	28.11	30.06	+ 0.09	
General Equity	93.19	98.88	- 0.14	3.00
Japan Growth	48.56	51.94	+ 0.22	.
Pedigree Gwth	55.94	60.13	- 0.03	2.86
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	32.93	35.03†	+ 0.04	1.66
-do- Accum	34.68	36.89	+ 0.04	1.66
Retirement Inc #	26.98	28.70	+ 0.02	5.85
Special Sits	42.63	45.35	+ 0.20	2.17
UK & Overseas	53.36	56.77	+ 0.06	0.86
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 830 000				
Capital	74.69	77.69		1.96
Balanced	65.10	67.71		4.15
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818 PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	169.50	180.32†	- 0.29	4.85
Fixed & Convertible	40.59	43.18†	+ 0.34	6.73
Monthly Inc Plus	49.23	52.37	+ 0.21	8.56
Preference Share	45.27	48.16†	- 0.79	8.08
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	128.33	136.52†	- 0.20	5.95
Managed Fund	72.22	76.83†	- 0.11	3.06
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.50	45.21	+ 0.03	1.80
-do- Accum	49.47	52.63	+ 0.03	1.80
UK & General	87.39	92.97†	- 0.17	2.75
-do- Accum	112.15	119.31†	- 0.22	2.75
UK Growth	163.31	173.73	- 0.47	2.33
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	198.13	210.78	- 0.20	0.11
Far Eastern Gwth	125.03	133.01	- 0.12	
Global Bond	83.22	88.42†	- 0.10	5.98
Japan Growth	112.82	120.13	+ 0.57	
North Amer Gth	202.46	215.38	- 0.35	
Oriental Growth	75.08	79.86	- 0.24	0.07
Worldwide Growth	69.11	73.52†	.	0.11
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.05	92.05†	+ 0.02	6.11
Homemaker Fund	85.57	91.03	- 0.09	7.66
Dollar Fund	143.16	152.30	- 0.61	2.00
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.97	35.29	+ 0.12	3.37
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	167.30	178.00†	- 1.10	1.70
Income	71.49	76.05	- 0.44	5.58
European	64.88	69.02	+ 0.04	1.04
Recovery	165.60	176.20	- 1.00	2.20
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	882.60	896.60†	.	3.58
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	91.03	96.83	+ 0.86	1.55
Income #	262.70	279.40†	- 0.40	4.28
-do- Accum #	673.70	716.60†	- 1.00	4.28
Smaller Cos	194.50	206.90		1.00
-do- Accum	239.40	254.60	- 0.10	1.00
Inv Portfolio	88.77	94.43	- 0.20	1.58
High Inc Port #	77.03	81.94	- 0.12	4.34
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1547.70	1600.20†	- 5.90	
Japan Small Cos	1121.80	1144.20†	+ 23.60	
UK Small Cos	1917.80	1998.20	+ 8.10	.
US Small Cos	1873.40	1913.30†	+ 9.00	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	218.40	229.60†	..	2.89
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	296.80	313.90	+ 0.29	0.67
New Asia	209.80	223.30	- 0.46	0.26
Japan Growth	105.49	112.10	+ 0.30	
Jap Smlr Co	431.40	457.80	+ 1.20	.
Nth Amer	335.10	354.60	+ 0.20	0.62
UK Inc & Gth	230.00	245.36†	+ 0.70	2.89
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	155.30	165.35	..	1.62
UK High Inc Inc	163.00	173.30†	+ 0.10	4.16
-do- Accum	216.00	228.70†	+ 0.20	4.16
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.18	63.82	+ 0.22	4.91
Euromond Opps	91.79	97.64	- 0.12	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	60.56	64.42	+ 0.32	0.01
Extra Income Inc	48.20	51.16	+ 0.26	7.80
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	149.70	157.90†	- 0.50	1.11
Convertibles #	21.53	22.88	+ 0.09	6.12
Equity Income #	135.20	143.60	- 0.70	3.69
Eurofund	52.17	55.25	- 0.21	0.36
Financial	48.98	52.04	+ 0.10	1.44
Growth & Inc #	265.10	281.70	+ 0.70	2.73
High Dist #	168.00	178.50†	- 0.80	4.30
International	398.70	421.50	+ 0.40	0.12
Int Cap Inc	96.82	103.40†	- 0.28	2.66
Latin American	24.23	25.74	+ 0.19	.
Pacific	76.80	81.62†	- 0.26	...
Pref High Inc	21.61	22.96†	+ 0.03	7.19
Tokyo	217.40	230.80	+ 0.60	..
UK Smaller Cos	252.80	268.60	+ 0.39	1.02
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BB Director Dlgs	97.63	103.98	+ 1.37	1.31
Growth Acc	232.24	247.98	+ 0.06	0.38
Income	583.03	619.51	+ 5.85	5.23
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	212.20	225.70	+ 1.50	1.22
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	84.79	89.25	- 0.24	2.87
Ethical Tst	45.37	47.76	+ 0.11	1.19
Far Eastern	287.95	303.10	+ 0.26	1.78
High Income	134.65	141.75†	- 0.70	4.84
Intl Growth	120.23	126.56	+ 0.01	0.51
North American	130.83	137.72	- 0.08	1.58
Pelican	127.57	134.29†	- 1.06	3.33
Smaller Cos	67.49	71.04	- 0.15	2.93
Special Sits	88.66	92.69	- 0.23	3.13
Tst of Inv Tsts	193.51	203.69	- 0.18	1.29
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	195.17	207.63†	+ 0.11	1.36
Smaller Cos Acc	345.41	367.46†	+ 0.19	1.36
Recovery	48.79	51.90†	+ 0.07	1.54
Recovery Acc	49.95	53.14†	+ 0.08	1.54
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.88	94.24†	+ 0.18	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.73	50.91	+ 0.03	0.57
High Income #	41.14	44.09†	+ 0.04	10.44
Warrant	51.85	55.38†	+ 0.02	...
Zero Preference	41.86	44.41	+ 0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	81.25	86.43†	- 0.04	3.29
Family Income Tst	44.72	44.72†	+ 0.07	6.88
Family Trust	90.87	96.67†	- 0.61	2.32
United Charities	262.48	279.10†	- 0.10	5.02
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.95	30.04†	+ 0.08	7.13
Intl Bond	29.92	31.05†	- 0.02	5.41
Income Funds				
High Income	25.38	26.85†	+ 0.03	5.41
Income Plus	120.80	128.58	+ 0.10	4.12
Amer Eq Inc	55.34	58.65†	- 0.09	1.51
European Income	44.96	47.81	- 0.13	2.40
Far East Inc	64.20	68.18†	+ 0.19	2.42
Global Convertible	24.15	25.74	+ 0.06	2.71
UK Div Gth	27.56	29.31	- 0.08	2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.81	62.74†	- 0.35	...
American	291.20	308.60†	+ 0.10	.
Amer Spec Sits	154.90	165.30	- 0.90	..
Japan Smaller Cos	34.51	36.82	+ 0.14	..
European	194.20	206.50	- 0.50	0.66
European Opps	69.23	73.61	- 0.42	0.15
Global Pdr	27.20	28.93	- 0.12	0.77
UK Growth	105.60	112.30	- 0.30	1.27
Growth & Inc	157.90	167.90	- 0.50	2.78
Intl PEP	41.88	44.55	- 0.05	1.09
Japan Spec Sits	84.31	89.78	+ 0.34	.
Japan	178.08	189.48	+ 0.80	..
Managed Intl	312.60	332.40	+ 0.10	0.45
Moneybuilder	58.54	62.25	- 0.03	..
Recovery	49.91	53.07	+ 0.01	1.48
South E Asia	160.30	171.00	+ 0.30	1.14
Special Sits	596.50	634.30	- 0.90	0.73
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.90	111.90	+ 0.01	6.29
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	140.10	142.80		2.86
Inc Ptflo #	88.55	90.27†	- 0.47	3.42
Cap Ptflo	150.90	153.50	- 0.20	1.47
Special Opps	131.30	132.80†	...	3.50
Growth Inc	33.45	34.19†	+ 0.02	1.38
Private Portfolio	442.30	452.00	.	1.88
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	123.40	130.60	- 0.50	0.60
Emrg Asian	144.80	154.70†	- 0.80	..
High Income	21.23	22.53†	- 0.05	9.99
UK Growth	116.60	125.00	- 0.40	2.45
UK Income	106.30	113.60†	- 0.30	4.36
US Smaller Cos	361.30	385.80†	- 0.60	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.13	81.10	+ 0.08	4.19
Investment Trust	98.53	103.61	+ 0.11	...
UK Smaller Cos	92.35	97.11	- 0.03	0.98

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	70.62	75.28		
-do- Accum	70.62	75.78		
Amer Smlr Cos	592.70	633.90	..	.
-do- Accum	605.51	647.60		
Capital Tst	336.40	357.80		1.49
-do- Accum	488.50	519.50		1.49
Conv Smlr Cos	57.87	61.59		0.63
-do- Accum	61.07	64.99		0.63
Convertible	133.30	141.80		4.95
-do- Accum	274.90	292.48		4.95
Emerging Markets	61.84	66.06	..	..
-do- Accum	61.89	66.11		
European	127.10	134.70		0.37
-do- Accum	134.60	141.60		0.37
Extra Income	360.80	383.70		3.87
-do- Accum	548.30	589.20		3.87
Financial	144.50	155.10†		0.48
-do- Accum	155.00	164.10†		0.48
Gilt Trust	63.67	65.85†		6.38
-do- Accum	93.76	96.67†		6.38
Health Fund Inc	195.30	208.50†		
-do- Accum	195.30	208.50†		
Income & Growth	206.10	219.20†		3.56
-do- Accum	322.10	342.60†		3.55
Intl Growth	388.40	414.90†		.
-do- Accum	431.70	460.80†		.
Japan & Gen	173.30	184.90		.
-do- Accum	175.10	186.70		
Monthly Inc	178.70	190.00†		3.70
Managed Pens Inc	112.10	119.00		2.02
-do- Accum	120.40	126.70		2.02
Quarterly Income	53.32	57.25†		4.41
-do- Accum	59.12	63.47†		4.41
Recovery	343.00	366.70		0.15
-do- Accum	404.90	432.90		0.15
UK Growth	58.45	63.49		2.45
-do- Accum	63.00	67.29		2.45
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	53.15	56.54†	- 0.27	0.48
FP Am Smllr Cos	158.00	168.80	+ 0.30	.
FP Asian Growth	247.00	264.10	- 0.90	
FP Australian	362.30	377.80	- 0.50	
FP Equity Dist	411.30	437.40†		2.57
-do- Accum	892.40	949.30†	+ 0.80	2.57
FP Euro Gth	240.90	256.20	- 1.60	0.18
-do- Accum	261.80	278.50	- 1.70	0.18
FP Intl Bond	60.84	64.38	- 0.12	4.71
FP Intl Gth Dist	34.26	36.56†	- 0.13	0.53
-do- Accum	50.04	53.40†	- 0.18	0.53
FP Pac Basin Acc	198.10	211.70†	- 0.80	..
FP Income	56.80	60.58	+ 0.03	4.58
-do- Accum	187.40	199.80	+ 0.10	4.58
FP Jap Smllr Cos	291.70	311.10	+ 0.50	
FP Monthly Dist	73.29	78.21†	+ 0.10	5.49
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†		6.25
FP Tokyo	77.87	83.06	+ 0.13	
FP UK Focus	38.44	41.33†	+ 0.23	2.62
FP UK Growth	184.80	197.19	+ 0.20	2.70
-do- Accum	362.80	386.90	+ 0.38	2.70
Stewardship Dist	369.20	392.70†	+ 0.70	1.94
-do- Accum	459.60	488.90†	+ 1.00	1.94
Stwdshp Inc Dist	74.55	79.34	+ 0.27	3.66
-do- Accum	99.27	105.60	+ 0.30	3.66
N Am Strtgy Dist	112.70	119.85	- 0.60	1.00
-do- Accum	120.30	127.90	- 0.70	1.00
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	115.00	122.30†	+ 0.20	1.04
Opnd Cap Gth Acc	118.40	125.90†	+ 0.10	0.89
Cap Gth Inc Inc	111.10	118.10	+ 0.20	2.19
Cap Gth Inv Acc	114.80	122.10	+ 0.10	2.19
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	114.80	122.10	+ 0.20	3.30
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	119.20	126.80	+ 0.20	3.30
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	262.30	277.40†	+ 0.10	2.22
Cash	49.40	50.14†	+ 0.01	5.31
Growth Portfolio	81.58	86.47	+ 0.02	0.95
Income Portfolio	66.37	70.19†	+ 0.23	4.39
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	206.60	221.00	+ 1.90	1.54
Dividend	92.63	99.07	+ 0.03	4.81
Intl Gth & Inc	232.00	248.10	+ 0.30	3.18
UK & Gen	47.43	50.73	+ 0.14	2.58
Fund of Funds	68.18	72.92	+ 0.04	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	221.50	236.90	- 0.20	.
European	604.00	646.00	- 2.00	0.30
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	51.15	54.69	+ 0.08	4.98
-do- Accum	55.68	59.32	+ 0.10	4.98
Far East & Gen	248.90	266.20	+ 0.10	
Germany	120.00	127.20	- 1.00	
High Yield #	49.33	52.14†	+ 0.21	8.15
-do- Accum #	51.80	54.75	+ 0.22	8.15
Income Inc	169.80	181.70	+ 0.10	4.32
-do- Accum	187.30	200.40	+ 0.10	4.32
International	346.60	370.70	- 0.60	
Intl Income	89.58	94.94	- 0.55	3.21
Japan & General	418.00	445.20	+ 0.40	
Korean Securities	65.97	70.56	+ 0.65	
Orient Acc	132.00	141.20	+ 0.20	0.24
Smllr Cos Dsr Inc	45.08	48.22	+ 0.02	4.19
-do- Accum	49.78	53.24	+ 0.02	4.19
UK Capital Inc	182.80	195.60	+ 0.40	1.46
UK Capital Acc	322.40	344.90	+ 0.80	1.46
UK Spec Sits	93.40	99.90	+ 0.02	1.30
US & General	170.30	181.00	- 1.10	..
Wwide Spec Sits	148.50	158.90	+ 0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	56.34	60.11	- 0.06	1.73
Cash Trust	141.04	141.04†	+ 0.01	6.26
Practical Inv Inc #	118.39	126.62	- 0.01	2.69
-do- Accum #	277.85	297.17	- 0.02	2.69
UK Index	164.84	185.67	- 0.22	3.78
UK Smaller Cos	145.99	156.14†	+ 0.26	0.68
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.17	25.05†	+ 0.08	8.36
High Income	33.96	36.29†	+ 0.02	5.24
UK Equity Income	148.34	158.65	- 0.40	2.67
Global Bond	30.40	31.50	- 0.02	5.14
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	41.33	44.20	- 0.71	.
Global Managed	139.65	148.65†	- 0.11	1.51
Gold & Intl Res	103.86	111.08	- 1.28	...
Global Utilities	138.72	148.24	+ 0.02	1.48
Overseas Funds				
American	172.14	183.39	- 1.04	0.91
European	117.56	124.60	- 0.27	0.89
Euro Sel Opps	174.14	184.80	- 0.61	. .
Amer Emerging	132.51	141.72	- 1.49	.
Hong Kong	139.13	148.96	+ 0.54	2.20
Japan	236.41	250.93	+ 0.87	...
Pacific Growth	204.37	218.56	- 0.55	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	232.72	232.72†	- 0.36	2.11
Long Term Bal	255.22	255.22†	- 0.28	3.13
Med Term Bal	214.71	214.71†	+ 0.07	3.20
UK Equity	270.32	270.32†	- 1.08	2.49
UK Emerging Cos	154.89	154.89	- 0.12	1.98
American	283.88	283.88	- 0.31	1.14
Japan	122.79	122.79	+ 0.01	.
European	304.13	304.13	- 0.67	1.08
Index Linked Gilt	179.34	179.34	+ 0.30	2.69
Fixed Interest	169.27	169.27†	+ 0.74	6.51
Amer Emerging	315.78	315.78	- 3.81	.
Pacific	228.49	228.49	- 0.38	0.78
Emerging Mkts	113.19	113.19	- 0.22	0.92
Index Strat Japan	146.63	146.63	+ 0.78	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	178.25	178.25	- 0.25	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	169.22	169.22	+ 2.39	2.04
Index Strat USA	165.18	165.81	- 0.73	1.37
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	109.67	116.87	- 0.18	
Med Term Bal	102.11	108.63	+ 0.04	..
Long Term Bal	114.70	122.03	- 0.13	.
UK Equity	125.09	133.07	- 0.54	.
UK Emerging Cos	72.61	77.24	- 0.06	.
American	131.73	140.13	- 0.16	...
Japan	58.76	62.51	+ 0.01	.
European	126.39	134.46	- 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	86.04	91.54	+ 0.40	.
Index Linked Gilt	79.67	84.75	+ 0.14	.
Deposit	83.57	88.91	+ 0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	148.01	155.80	- 0.07	0.55
Brewin Gth Port Inc	66.64	78.33	+ 0.18	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	58.92	63.24†	+ 0.20	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	55.88	58.98	- 0.13	0.10
Stan Utilities	65.72	69.38†	+ 0.20	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	577.10	613.94	- 2.62	2.27
-do- Accum	641.85	682.82	- 2.82	2.27
European Inc	158.98	168.91	.	1.28
Amalgam Inc	159.93	159.85	..	.
N America Inc	346.32	368.43	+ 0.06	0.82
Far East Inc	349.03	371.31	..	
-do- Accum	361.49	384.57	..	.
UK Dsbd Inc	189.80	201.92	..	3.29
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	100.21	107.16	+ 0.48	4.35
UK Small Cos	57.76	61.76	+ 0.15	0.71
British Growth	65.38	69.91	+ 0.45	2.44
American Gwth	231.03	247.08	- 3.81	..
Japan Gwth	65.04	69.55	+ 0.20	.
Greater China	171.11	183.00	- 0.67	0.56
Pacific Strategy	145.03	155.10	+ 0.48	0.55
European Gwth	95.58	101.90†	- 0.58	0.69
Intl Growth	157.81	168.77	- 0.45	..
US Index (£)	16.3393	17.2896	+ 0.0522	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Inf	81.39	87.04	+ 0.04	2.13
Monthly Income	40.70	43.41†	+ 0.28	8.00
AIIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvd UK Index (£)	13.1616	13.8947	- 0.0206	5.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	96.66	102.83	+ 0.61	1.49
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9888				
European	523.70	558.50	- 3.80	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	131.10	139.30	+ 0.80	5.64
Growth Equity	375.90	401.60†	+ 1.09	1.49
Income Trust	145.10	156.00	+ 0.80	0.21
International	194.30	207.50	- 0.60	0.21
Japan Trust	125.00	133.50	+ 0.40	
Nth American	318.00	339.70†	- 1.00	..
Pacific	521.10	556.70†	- 2.60	0.28
Guardhill	568.50	608.40	+ 0.90	1.59
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	107.85	112.06	- 0.12	6.41
Global High Inc	101.27	105.15†	- 0.15	6.44
Corporate Bond	105.15	109.16	+ 0.40	6.65
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.87	116.75†	- 0.22	5.06
European Growth	113.10	120.26	- 0.24	..
Intl PEP Trust	65.05	69.16	- 0.15	. .
Equity Inc	128.31	136.42†	- 2.19	4.11
-do- Accum	182.57	194.11	- 3.14	4.11
Recovery	345.90	367.70†	- 15.40	2.14
-do- Accum	405.40	431.00	- 18.80	2.14
St Vinc High Inc	128.67	131.61	- 0.05	6.44
UK Emrg Cos	266.90	283.70†	+ 0.90	1.93
UK Smlr Cos	381.90	389.60	+ 1.90	2.47
Glob Priv Tst	98.67	102.70†	- 0.68	7.38
-do- Accum	98.47	104.60	- 0.89	1.39
Inc Share Ts	90.39	96.11	+ 0.10	6.95
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	29.51	31.29	- 0.10	1.86
Growth Acc	29.88	31.69	- 0.10	1.86
Income	29.29	31.06	- 0.10	4.51
Income Acc	30.01	31.82	- 0.11	4.51
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflo	222.20	233.58	.	2.42
Smaller Cos	33.71	35.86	+ 0.20	1.20
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	338.09	361.75	- 0.24	1.30
Best of British	66.78	70.90†	- 0.09	2.97
UK Smaller Cos	137.75	148.08	+ 0.04	1.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	288.09	307.86†	- 0.68	3.69
-do- Accum #	800.80	852.82	- 1.87	3.59
High Income	328.73	351.41†	- 1.84	4.45
Extra Income #	289.44	307.81	- 1.04	5.02
Pref & Bond	47.55	49.14†	+ 0.08	8.50
International				
International	290.52	308.83†	- 0.40	
Global Bond	57.27	60.26	+ 0.98	5.15
Intl Port Tst	89.82	95.06†	+ 0.14	0.63
Global Tech	232.74	250.39†	- 0.95	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	165.38	177.93	- 0.18	0.63
European	534.33	566.45†	- 0.44	0.70
European Income #	85.58	90.86	- 0.16	1.90

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	159.34	170.94†	- 0.58	0.64
Far Sp Sits	78.12	83.57†	- 0.30	1.49
-do- Accum	83.68	89.52	- 0.32	1.49
Japan Trust	214.95	229.38	+ 0.44	..
Japan Special Sits	212.20	220.34	+ 0.40	
Pacific Smlr Cos	217.41	232.61	+ 0.31	.
North American	277.70	294.81	- 1.60	
American Smaller	137.82	147.32†	+ 0.94	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	110.34	115.54†	- 0.13	1.84
Capital	188.68	197.49	- 0.23	1.40
Dollar	427.79	447.95†	- 0.56	...
Enterprise Gth	369.38	386.78	+ 0.98	1.34
European	249.66	261.43	+ 0.21	0.49
Far East	296.30	310.26	- 0.80	
Financial	848.51	893.20	+ 1.23	1.77
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.03	27.88	+ 0.09	6.71
High Yield	107.25	112.31†	- 0.13	3.72
Income & Growth	153.30	160.52†	- 0.29	3.11
International	273.01	285.87	+ 0.13	
Japanese General	206.44	216.16	+ 0.57	
Japan Tech	88.30	92.47	+ 0.24	.
Ntl Resources	76.54	80.15	+ 0.26	
Portfolio	78.67	82.38†		1.34
Smaller Cos	141.83	148.52†	- 0.28	1.13
Special Sits	174.83	183.07	- 0.41	0.87
UK Emerging Cos	105.13	110.08		0.87
US Smaller Cos	119.32	124.94	- 0.56	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	108.90	118.20†	+ 0.10	5.84
Capital	652.80	698.70†	- 2.10	2.21
Income #	614.20	665.50	- 1.70	5.40
Tadole Fund	60.45	60.75	- 0.09	2.71
Trade Index	113.30	119.80	.	2.35
UK Index	154.50	163.50	- 0.20	2.83
International Funds				
American Growth	551.30	586.30	+ 0.90	0.36
American Index	247.70	262.10	- 1.10	1.29
European Growth	123.10	131.30	- 0.40	0.16
Eurotrack 100	180.00	190.50	- 0.40	1.01
Global Bond	22.64	24.08	- 0.05	5.19
Japan Growth	271.70	289.90†	+ 0.30	
Japan Index	78.41	82.97	+ 0.35	0.20
Japan Smlr Cos	29.93	31.94	+ 0.05	. .
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	57.19	61.03	- 0.10	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	111.60	119.10	- 0.30	1.34
Spore & Mlysa Gth	72.46	77.35	- 0.62	.
Tiger Index	190.30	201.40	+ 0.30	1.12
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	40.11	41.69	- 0.12	0.67
General Funds				
Managed	79.48	82.62†	- 0.06	1.35
Rupert Child Fnd	94.32	98.05	.	2.27
UK Growth	65.46	68.05†	- 0.09	2.19
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	85.52	88.90	+ 0.18	6.60
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.14	28.00	+ 0.08	7.83
UK Inc & Gwth	43.92	45.65†	- 0.02	3.35
UK Income	343.20	358.10†	+ 0.10	4.93
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	57.02	59.14	- 0.09	0.22
Amer Smllr Cos	132.50	137.70	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	133.90	139.20	+ 0.39	..
Europe Gth	182.80	189.60	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	189.30	196.40	+ 0.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	33.81	35.15†	- 0.32	..
French Growth	83.17	86.46	+ 0.05	0.24
-do- Accum	89.22	92.74	+ 0.04	0.24
H Kong & China	81.38	84.59	+ 0.05	1.41
Intl Growth	61.85	64.29†	- 0.04	0.54
-do- Accum	82.71	65.19†	- 0.04	0.54
Japan Gth	31.46	32.70	+ 0.11	.
-do- Accum	31.46	32.70	+ 0.11	..
Japan Smaller Cos	37.41	38.89	+ 0.14	.
Glob Emg Mkts	88.56	92.06	+ 0.53	.
-do- Accum	89.19	92.71	+ 0.54	..
SE Asia	311.10	323.40	+ 0.10	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.16	57.87†	- 0.06	5.99
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
actor Value Inc	96.87	102.20	+ 0.10	4.89
actor Value Gwth	97.08	102.40	- 0.10	1.95
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	182.60	194.20	- 2.50	..
Income	183.32	195.01	- 0.05	3.13
UK Growth	71.92	76.51	+ 0.14	0.46
International	77.87	82.83	- 0.01	0.08
Ecology	90.16	95.91†	+ 0.11	1.12
European	143.51	152.67	- 0.19	.
Far Eastern	286.70	304.90	- 0.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.30	103.70	+ 0.30	7.42
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.80	+ 0.50	6.76
Global Income	217.10	231.00†	- 2.50	3.75
High Yield	145.00	154.30†	- 0.30	5.79
-do- Accum	457.50	486.70†	- 1.30	5.79
Smlr Cos Div	55.36	58.89†	+ 0.18	2.91
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	122.20	130.00	- 0.60	. .
Asian Growth	305.00	324.50†	- 1.20	0.25
-do- Accum	358.50	381.40†	- 1.40	0.25
North American	94.62	100.66	- 0.64	0.16
European Special	117.50	125.00	- 0.20	0.10
European	163.40	173.80	+ 0.10	0.45
-do- Accum	215.30	229.00	+ 0.20	0.45
Global Eqty Inc	111.70	118.50	- 0.50	2.17
Japan	402.80	429.50	+ 2.00	...
Japanese Special	222.30	236.50	+ 0.40	...
Smaller Cos	120.50	128.20†	- 3.10	1.19
UK Equity Growth	43.79	46.59	- 0.14	1.58
UK Index Inc	305.10	308.20†	- 0.90	3.53
Bircham Tst	100.80	108.60	+ 2.50	2.76
-do- Accum	100.80	108.60	+ 2.50	2.76
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	276.96	294.64†	+ 0.41	5.25
Inc & Growth Inc	59.71	63.52	- 0.21	4.30
Smaller Cos	67.24	71.53†	+ 0.06	1.41
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	273.50	290.90	- 0.10	1.84
High Income	113.70	120.90	- 0.20	4.30
International	102.30	108.80	- 0.10	0.55
European Trust	81.40	86.59	- 0.06	0.87
Japanese Trust	41.16	43.78	+ 0.18	...
American Trust	101.70	108.10	+ 0.30	...
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	408.50	431.30	- 0.40	2.37
UK Inc/Gth	439.70	468.50	+ 0.10	2.59
UK Income	302.70	321.20	- 0.50	3.74
UK Sm Cos	261.70	279.90	- 0.10	1.76
Euro Gwth	143.80	152.39†	..	..
N Amer Gwth	107.50	114.00†	- 0.20	0.21
Japan Growth	63.49	67.27†	+ 0.22	.
Money Mkt	127.949	127.949	..	8.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	530.70	564.60	- 0.70	2.63
-do- Accum	£10.71	£11.39	- 2.00	2.64
Equity Income #	104.10	110.70	- 0.30	4.36
UK Tactical Allactn	62.49	68.35	- 0.12	4.15
European	130.20	138.50	- 0.10	1.85
Far Eastern	208.29	221.50	+ 0.29	..
Fixed Interest	53.47	56.86	+ 0.27	7.10
Gilt	90.64	96.12†	+ 0.37	6.38
Global Growth	76.18	81.04†	+ 0.01	0.37
Intl Bond	55.28	58.74	- 0.12	5.36
Japanese	71.85	78.22†	+ 0.20	...
North American	179.20	190.60	- 0.10	0.63
Pacific Growth	103.60	110.18	- 0.20	0.25
UK Index	69.37	73.21†	.	3.09
UK Recovery	102.80	109.40†	+ 0.10	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	138.40	147.20	- 0.10	1.44
US Index	73.91	77.90	- 0.46	1.45
European Index	83.02	87.62	- 0.12	2.20
Japan Index	40.12	42.34	+ 0.17	.
Worldwide	89.49	95.11†	- 0.08	1.47
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 802 8878 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	53.22	56.91	- 0.70	2.16
Income	63.05	67.43	...	2.99
Far East	51.65	55.25	+ 0.01	.
North American	123.30	131.80	- 0.10	.
Global	102.30	109.40	- 0.40	0.20
European	91.40	97.70	- 0.30	0.66
Japan	102.40	109.50	+ 0.50	.
Intl Currency Bd	61.98	65.62	- 0.06	4.26
SE Asia	99.58	106.50	- 0.50	..
UK Cap Growth	98.87	104.70	- 0.20	1.68
Recovery Trust	70.55	75.00†	..	1.49
Managed	69.29	73.71	+ 0.09	0.66
Cash	51.27	51.27	+ 0.01	5.21
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	372.00	395.00†	+ 4.20	2.72
-do- Accum	868.20	923.70	+ 9.80	2.72
Cont Euro Gth	71.21	75.07†	- 0.28	1.27
-do- Accum	76.75	80.79	- 0.28	1.27
Extra Inc	268.70	285.00†	- 0.30	4.18
-do- Accum	722.40	768.60	- 1.00	4.18
FTSE 100 Inc	111.30	118.50	...	3.13
FTSE 100 Acc	113.20	120.60	.	3.13
German Gth	132.70	139.20	- 1.10	..
-do- Accum	138.60	145.90	- 1.20	.
Growth Port	594.20	632.20	- 8.40	0.14
-do- Accum	611.80	650.90	- 9.80	0.14
High Interest Inc	98.04	101.60	+ 0.40	7.55
High Interest Acc	98.04	101.60	+ 0.40	7.55
Hi Reserve Inc #	104.50	111.20†	..	6.62
Hi Reserve Acc #	108.60	115.60	..	6.62
Income	515.20	548.10†	- 0.70	3.53
-do- Accum	£14.30	£15.22	- 1.00	3.53
Income Port	539.50	574.00†	..	4.53



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	587.50	625.50		4.53
Japan Growth	107.10	114.00	+ 0.30	.
-do- Accum	107.50	114.40	+ 0.30	.
Master Trust	62.84	66.86	- 0.04	1.23
-do- Accum	71.39	75.95	- 0.05	1.23
N American Gen	218.20	232.20	- 1.40	0.67
-do- Accum	252.30	268.50	- 1.50	0.67
NAm Sm Co Rec	167.50	178.20	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	170.90	181.90	- 0.80	
Pacific Basin	245.30	261.00	+ 0.60	0.42
-do- Accum	260.60	277.30	+ 0.70	0.42
Small Cos Rec	420.70	442.90†	- 0.20	1.91
-do- Accum	572.90	603.10	- 0.30	1.91
UK Growth	95.31	101.40	- 0.10	2.09
-do- Accum	117.30	124.80	- 0.10	2.09
Worldwide Gth	333.30	354.60	- 0.70	.
-do- Accum	491.60	523.00	- 1.00	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 075				
American	77.74	83.29	- 0.42	0.40
General	97.98	105.12†	- 0.02	2.48
Income	69.05	74.08	+ 0.06	5.48
International	68.52	73.51	- 0.20	0.50
Japan	57.06	61.22	+ 0.11	
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.73	75.89†	.	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Serv/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	465.60	492.40	- 0.10	0.37
-do- Accum	581.20	614.70	- 0.10	0.37
Amer Recovery	509.00	538.30†	- 2.10	0.51
-do- Accum	586.40	620.20†	- 2.50	0.51
Amer Smlr Cos	142.30	150.50	- 0.30	.
-do- Accum	145.40	153.80	- 0.30	
Australasian	158.90	168.00	- 0.60	2.54
-do- Accum	196.00	207.30	- 0.80	2.54
Capital	901.30	953.10	+ 0.60	2.92
-do- Accum	1045.40	1105.50	+ 0.70	2.92
Charifund	728.90	736.20†	+ 0.70	5.87
-do- Accum	3562.30	3819.10†	+ 3.50	5.87
Commodity	415.40	439.30	+ 1.50	0.40
-do- Accum	611.70	647.00	+ 2.30	0.40
Compound Gwth	1034.80	1094.10†	+ 4.30	2.30
-do- Accum	1113.10	1177.10†	+ 4.60	2.30
Dividend	43.30	45.80†	+ 0.38	4.34
-do- Accum	188.60	199.60†	+ 0.70	4.34
Equity Income	341.00	360.80	- 0.80	5.04
-do- Accum	452.60	478.60	- 1.00	5.04
Euro & General	533.80	564.50	- 2.30	1.22
-do- Accum	680.30	719.40	- 3.00	1.22
Euro Dividend	75.90	80.30	- 0.10	3.82
-do- Accum	93.60	99.00	- 0.10	3.82
Extra Yield	443.50	469.00	+ 1.90	4.80
-do- Accum	1436.40	1519.00	+ 6.30	4.80
Far Eastern	341.90	361.60	- 0.10	0.53
-do- Accum	456.00	482.30	- 0.10	0.53
Fund of Inv Tsts	650.40	687.80†	+ 0.50	1.94
-do- Accum	1235.60	1306.80†	+ 1.00	1.94
General	66.00	69.80	+ 0.10	3.77
-do- Accum	188.30	199.20	+ 0.40	3.77
Gilt Income	81.26	81.35†	+ 0.30	7.80
-do- Accum	177.79	178.04†	+ 0.88	7.80
Gold	63.90	67.60	- 1.40	0.81
-do- Accum	75.88	80.10	- 1.70	0.81
High Income	31.50	33.30	+ 0.10	4.50
-do- Accum	129.20	136.70	+ 0.40	4.50
Intl Growth	82.30	86.90	.	0.91
-do- Accum	144.40	152.70	.	0.91
International Inc	103.70	109.70†	- 0.10	4.08
-do- Accum	160.30	169.60†	- 0.10	4.08
Japan & Gen	40.70	43.00†	+ 0.20	..
-do- Accum	43.70	46.10†	+ 0.19	.
Japan Smlr Cos	141.20	149.30†	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	142.20	150.40†	+ 0.50	..
Managed Gwth	25.10	26.50	+ 0.10	1.78
Managed Income	28.90	30.30†	+ 0.10	4.31
Midland	59.00	62.40†	+ 0.10	3.44
-do- Accum	202.30	214.30†	+ 0.40	3.44
Pension Ex	1010.70	1036.00†	+ 1.90	4.29
Recovery	45.40	48.00	+ 0.20	2.66
-do- Accum	75.70	79.90	+ 0.20	2.66
Second General	72.50	76.70	- 0.10	3.66
-do- Accum	190.50	201.60	- 0.30	3.66
Smaller Cos	70.00	74.00	+ 0.10	3.27
-do- Accum	141.30	149.20	+ 0.20	3.27
Sterling Hi Int	25.35	25.44	+ 0.09	7.50
Treasury	25.04	25.09†	+ 0.01	6.36
Trustee	42.30	44.70†		4.48
-do- Accum	177.10	187.20†	.	4.48
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	88.53	94.18†	- 0.15	1.45
Intl Bond	66.85	70.03†	- 0.12	5.83
Intl Equity Growth	78.18	83.08†	- 0.13	0.70
N Amer Growth	118.60	126.01	- 0.57	0.84
Special Sits Growth	23.93	25.45	+ 0.01	2.27
UK Growth	414.02	440.44†	- 0.03	2.76
-do- Accum	554.92	590.34	- 0.03	2.76
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1395.70	1416.30†	...	3.00
Income #	1025.80	1042.30	.	4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	156.90	160.60	.	3.78
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	165.60	174.30	- 0.11	2.17
-do- Accum	192.60	202.80	- 0.11	2.17
UK Sel Ptflo	145.50	153.20	- 0.26	2.53
-do- Accum	171.20	180.20	- 0.26	2.53
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	72.57	77.29	+ 0.24	3.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	77.56	82.34	- 0.12	4.04
European	91.94	97.60	- 0.09	1.17
Income #	78.84	83.48†	+ 0.67	4.28
Nth American	78.94	83.80	- 0.12	0.55
Far East	160.40	170.30	- 0.10	0.11
Japan	57.58	61.13	+ 0.11	..
Emging Mkts	80.67	86.28	+ 0.29	0.02
Intl Growth	116.90	124.10†	- 0.20	0.86
UK Growth	105.80	112.30†	- 0.30	1.64
UK Smlr Co	50.95	54.09†	+ 0.10	1.37
Asian Opps Fd	34.83	37.25	- 0.04	0.09
Glob Gwth PEP	55.09	58.48†	- 0.21	0.48
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	450.60	479.46	+ 0.93	3.70
Global Inc	73.88	78.60	+ 0.11	3.56
Brit Leaders	383.58	408.04	- 0.45	1.72
Intl Leaders	215.77	229.54	+ 0.04	1.35
PAM Mg Bal Gwth	65.91	69.52	+ 0.03	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	233.40	247.10†	- 1.20	.
-do- Accum	249.60	264.20†	- 1.30	.
American Opps	108.30	115.50†	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	109.60	116.90†	- 0.98	.
British Blue Chip	88.01	93.46†	+ 0.320	2.57
-do- Accum	111.40	118.20†	+ 0.400	2.57
Cash	108.50	108.50	...	6.46
-do- Accum *	142.70	142.70	.	6.46
Emerging Mkts	102.50	110.20	+ 0.600	0.13
-do- Accum	103.10	110.90	+ 0.600	0.13
European Growth	268.30	284.70	- 1.30	0.16
-do- Accum	291.10	309.00	- 1.30	0.16
European Income	89.84	95.19	- 0.48	3.02
-do- Accum	124.50	132.10	- 0.80	3.02
General	557.30	593.00	+ 2.400	2.09
-do- Accum	1112.00	1183.60	+ 5.000	2.09
Global Bond	122.00	138.70	- 0.30	5.32
-do- Accum	165.20	174.80	- 0.40	5.32
Gold & General	207.60	218.80	- 2.10	0.41
-do- Accum	209.10	223.80	- 2.20	0.41
Govt Securities	94.82	97.75	+ 0.310	6.00
-do- Accum	189.70	194.90	+ 0.600	6.00
High Yield Bd	101.50	105.10	+ 0.400	7.04
-do- Accum	101.50	105.10	+ 0.400	7.04
Income	170.00	180.60†	+ 0.700	3.93
-do- Accum	273.70	290.70†	+ 0.980	3.93
Inc Portfolio #	105.40	111.80	+ 0.400	4.70
-do- Accum #	110.10	116.70	+ 0.400	4.70
Intl Opps	495.10	526.00	- 0.70	0.17
-do- Accum	660.80	704.00	- 1.10	0.17
Japan	165.40	175.50	+ 0.400	..
-do- Accum	169.80	180.20	+ 0.500	. .
New Europe	198.50	212.80	+ 0.500	0.95
-do- Accum	205.70	219.40	+ 0.600	0.95
Pacific	108.50	115.70	- 0.70	0.88
-do- Accum	118.50	124.30	- 0.60	0.88
Recovery	338.00	360.50†	+ 0.700	0.72
-do- Accum	438.20	467.40†	+ 1.000	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	56.90	60.70	- 0.02	0.85
-do- Accum	65.05	69.39	- 0.02	0.85
Portfolio	87.25	92.59	+ 0.160	2.49
-do- Accum	105.10	111.50	+ 0.200	2.49
Managed Gth	107.40	112.40	+ 0.100	1.69
Managed Inc	113.40	117.70	+ 0.200	3.82
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Europgwth Plus	126.38	134.45	- 0.53	0.18
Portfolio	72.93	77.58	+ 0.09	1.55
UK Income Inc	83.96	89.32	+ 0.14	4.87
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	64.25	67.25	- 0.02	2.86
-do- Accum	69.65	72.93	- 0.02	2.86
British Tst	96.04	100.60	- 0.90	2.04
-do- Accum	112.70	118.00	- 1.10	2.04
Extra High Inc	69.61	72.89	+ 0.13	6.46
-do- Accum	140.60	147.20	+ 0.29	6.46
FT-SE 100 Acc	62.21	65.14	- 0.10	2.54
FT-SE 100 Dist	60.34	63.18	- 0.10	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.43	58.72	+ 0.19	5.78
-do- Accum	170.00	176.90	+ 0.60	5.78
High Yield	226.10	239.89†	+ 0.10	6.05
-do- Accum	601.80	630.10†	+ 0.30	6.05
Income	304.30	318.60	- 4.30	3.86
-do- Accum	684.40	716.60	- 9.60	3.86
Money Market UT	49.29	49.29†	..	5.56
-do- Accum	80.02	80.02†	..	5.56
Monthly Income	89.25	93.46†	- 0.14	4.87
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	117.90	125.40	- 0.10	1.57
European Growth	114.90	121.80	- 0.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	93.76	99.46	+ 0.34	5.58
Income	93.21	99.16	- 0.28	2.58

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.38	52.34		
Managed	76.19	81.05	+ 0.70	2.17
Money Market	90.59	96.02		4.18
North American	101.50	107.60	- 0.40	0.42
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	106.90	113.70	- 0.10	1.55
European Growth	102.00	114.50	- 0.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	88.91	94.52	+ 0.31	5.57
Income	91.42	97.26	- 0.27	2.64
Japan Growth	49.17	52.12		.
Managed	72.82	77.47	- 0.02	2.15
Money Market	83.59	88.61		4.15
North American	91.79	97.28	- 0.35	0.50
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	106.60	113.40	- 0.10	1.55
European Growth	105.40	111.80	- 0.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.77	86.75	+ 0.29	5.69
Income	89.84	95.57	- 0.27	2.67
Japan Growth	50.27	53.29		
Managed	75.61	80.44	- 0.03	2.16
Money Market	77.72	82.39	...	4.22
North American	102.60	108.70	- 0.40	0.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.06	14.90	- 0.06	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0828 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	425.60	451.90	- 2.10	..
European Gth Inc	564.70	605.70	- 1.40	..
-do- Accum	570.80	612.30	- 1.40	..
Intl Gwth	212.50	225.80†	- 0.30	
UK Equity Inc	204.80	217.90†	- 0.40	2.93
Do. Accum	271.00	288.30†	- 0.60	2.93
UK Ind Trckr Inc	177.30	189.50	- 0.20	2.65
-do- Accum	213.30	229.00	- 0.30	2.65
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	243.50	258.20	- 0.90	1.08
Japan Tracker	73.45	77.81†	+ 0.34	.
Asean Tracker	201.10	217.49†	+ 0.40	0.29
Managed Inc	170.30	182.08	- 0.10	2.13
Deposit Inc	93.90	93.98†	+ 0.01	6.46
Europa	250.70	271.30	- 0.39	.
Generic	178.30	193.70†	+ 0.70	1.63
High Income	21.47	22.77†	- 0.02	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	101.80	104.00†	- 0.10	2.47
Acumen Inc	94.18	96.25†	- 0.08	2.47
Acumen Reserve	90.58	91.49†	+ 0.36	8.22
-do- Inc	74.23	74.97†	+ 0.30	8.22
American Growth	58.69	60.44	- 0.67	..
Cash Income	49.63	49.63†	+ 0.01	5.95
Equity Income #	98.42	102.00	- 0.10	4.83
European	76.44	77.99	- 0.35	0.16
Smaller Cos	84.02	88.34†	+ 0.10	1.31
W'wide Eqty	68.67	70.55	- 0.02	0.44
Global Bond	46.06	46.58†	- 0.12	6.47
UK Growth	103.09	105.70	- 0.10	2.10
Pacific Growth	105.00	109.00†	.	0.67
Japan Growth	100.70	102.40†	+ 0.20	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	135.96	144.64	- 0.25	2.48
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	81.47	85.68	- 0.07	2.09
UK Income	116.63	124.07†	- 0.11	3.81
Higher Income	223.65	238.14	- 0.66	5.24
Smaller Cos	88.11	93.73	- 0.12	1.84
International	104.50	111.17†	- 0.01	1.61
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	118.50	126.10	+ 0.80	0.30
European Dist	129.00	137.20†	- 0.30	0.30
Far East Dist	180.70	192.20	- 0.10	..
Global Care Dist	79.55	84.63	+ 0.15	0.67
Oseas Dist	1090.20	1159.80	+ 0.30	0.01
-do- Accum	1418.90	1509.50	+ 0.40	0.01
UK Dist	384.40	408.90†	- 0.60	2.45
-do- Accum	771.10	820.30	- 1.20	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	85.81	91.39	- 0.17	3.54
Wwide Dist	113.20	120.40†	.	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	77.90	82.87†	- 0.01	2.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	68.23	73.07	- 0.06	1.09
Fund of Funds Inc	63.55	67.07	+ 0.03	2.24
North America Inc	61.02	64.40	- 0.18	.
UK Equity Gth Inc	63.74	67.27†	- 0.14	2.56
-do- Accum	67.77	71.53	- 0.15	2.56
UK General Inc	62.80	66.28†	- 0.07	2.78
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	48.24	50.81†	+ 0.18	7.12
UK Income Inc	61.56	65.08†	- 0.01	3.46
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	43.69	46.48†	- 0.23	.
-do- Accum	44.03	46.84†	- 0.24	.
Bond	125.37	133.12	+ 0.16	5.66
Bridge Fund	91.25	97.07	...	2.20
Cash Income	50.05	50.05†		5.90
-do- Accum	66.51	66.51†	+ 0.01	5.90
Distributor	99.51	105.86	- 0.19	3.27
European	47.10	50.11	- 0.12	.
Foundation	101.14	107.60	- 0.30	2.35
General	203.74	216.74	- 0.46	1.62
Global	338.37	359.97†	- 0.62	0.19
Growth	132.90	141.38	- 0.39	2.57
Higher Income Inc	30.76	32.72	+ 0.02	4.49
-do- Accum	35.95	38.25	+ 0.02	4.49
Income	252.85	269.14†	- 0.43	3.13
Intrepid	131.27	136.74†	...	1.98
Japan	25.01	26.61	+ 0.07	.
Managed Tst Inc	52.33	55.96	+ 0.06	2.09
-do- Accum	55.78	59.65	+ 0.06	2.09
Oriental Inc	148.95	158.46	- 0.88	0.23
-do- Accum	144.35	153.58	- 0.85	0.23
Pens Int Gwth	32.63	34.71	+ 0.21	0.42
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	80.92	86.54	- 0.14	1.59
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	105.80	111.70	..	2.29
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	131.90	138.84	+ 0.03	1.30
UK Equity	153.34	161.41	- 0.21	3.00
UK Equity Income	140.63	149.03†	- 0.15	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	125.93	132.56	- 0.12	1.78
UK Equity Growth	144.15	151.74	- 0.41	2.25
UK Index Trckg	154.82	162.97	- 1.11	3.41
Intl Index Trckg	158.73	167.08	- 0.17	1.07
International	254.38	267.77†	- 0.45	0.72
European	221.48	233.14	- 0.59	0.21
Pan European	147.75	155.53†	- 0.11	1.27
Nth American	209.47	220.50†	- 0.93	0.12
N Amer Smlr Cos	222.56	234.27	+ 0.87	. .
Japanese	89.49	94.20	+ 0.34	...
Pacific	225.62	237.49	- 0.22	0.69
South East Asian	250.63	263.82†	- 0.24	0.83
Intl Bond	142.83	150.35	- 0.09	4.97
Gilt & Convertible	109.77	115.55	+ 0.41	5.38
Property	79.22	83.39	..	6.65
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	259.30	278.80	+ 0.30	0.42
-do- Accum	274.40	294.20	+ 0.30	0.42
Japan Inc	101.39	108.10†	+ 0.20	. .
Nth American Inc	118.20	126.60	+ 0.60	0.31
Worldwide Inc	163.70	175.70	- 0.50	0.39
Hong Kong Inc	143.80	154.40	- 0.39	1.65
Swiss Equities Inc	85.01	90.67		0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	65.99	63.80	- 0.01	5.04
Emging Asia Inc	197.70	214.60	- 1.10	0.14
-do- Accum	198.50	215.40	- 1.00	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.14	50.14†	..	6.41
Thailand Inc	153.00	166.20†	- 2.40	1.37
Gold Trust Inc	70.52	77.59	..	0.19
New Zealand Inc	95.37	102.40†	- 0.20	1.63
Int Mngd PEP Inc	65.38	70.23	- 0.27	1.44
Latin Am Crnp Inc	53.53	58.02	+ 0.54	0.32
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	65.17	69.89	- 0.09	2.46
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	82.26	87.98	+ 1.09	...
Global Portfolio	73.01	77.75	- 1.38	..
Global Opps	66.23	70.83	- 0.11	...
Marsh Global Gwth	64.95	68.88	+ 1.45	...
AAM Global Equity	55.59	58.92	- 0.01	2.13
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	101.80	108.70	- 0.50	...
Temple Equity Inc	45.80	49.86	- 0.25	2.26
Hartley Growth	93.62	99.49	- 0.49	.
Intl Growth Inc	88.73	94.90†	+ 0.03	1.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.24	93.38	- 0.21	..
Premier Portfns Inc	68.93	73.72	+ 0.01	1.78
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.70	79.89	- 0.04	0.47
Slater Gwth	115.90	123.30†	- 0.30	...
Rossbury Growth	50.53	54.38	...	0.58
International Strat	77.98	83.49	+ 0.03	...
UFC Intl-Act Gth	58.83	62.92	+ 0.02	...
Coverdale Topvest	51.19	56.35	..	...
Prem Equity Inc	112.00	122.30	- 0.40	.
Lowes Intl Growth	49.17	51.76	+ 0.76	.
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	260.70	277.30	+ 0.10	2.58
-do- Accum	557.40	592.90	+ 0.20	2.58
Growth	168.70	177.80	...	2.88
Income	249.50	265.30†	- 4.20	3.77
Intl Equity	267.00	284.00	- 0.90	0.77
-do- Accum	297.20	316.20	- 1.00	0.77
UK Income	70.53	75.03	..	3.22
UK Idx 25	86.12	91.61	+ 0.01	2.89
New Europe	87.76	93.36	- 0.72	0.34
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	541.58	586.29†	+ 0.45	0.47
-do- Accum	644.19	688.58	+ 0.45	0.47
Income	405.09	433.26†	- 2.30	3.14
Wwide Recovery	417.72	446.76	- 0.53	0.42
Amer Growth Inc	264.71	283.12	- 0.16	0.01
-do- Accum	264.71	283.12	- 0.16	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	254.87	272.59	+ 0.07	0.10
Far Estn Gwth Inc	279.08	298.49	- 0.30	0.49
-do- Accum	279.08	298.49	- 0.30	0.49
Euro Gwth Inc	164.80	176.26	- 0.28	0.17
-do- Accum	165.21	176.70	- 0.28	0.17
UK Growth Inc	104.08	111.32	- 0.45	2.66
-do- Accum	109.50	117.12	- 0.47	2.66
High Income	107.78	115.28	- 0.50	3.90
Jap Gwth Inc	207.50	221.27	+ 0.51	0.01
-do- Accum	207.50	221.27	+ 0.51	0.01
PEP Growth	130.90	140.00	- 0.25	0.87
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	121.22	129.65	+ 0.91	0.44
-do- Accum	121.22	129.65	+ 0.91	0.44
Amer Smlr Co Inc	166.41	177.98†	- 0.31	0.01
-do- Accum	166.41	177.98	- 0.31	0.01
Global Bond	57.24	60.27	+ 0.01	5.74
UK Smaller Cos Inc	93.76	100.28	+ 0.04	1.57
-do- Accum	98.65	105.51	+ 0.04	1.57
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	117.10	124.57†	- 0.73	
European	80.78	85.94	- 0.34	. .
Global	64.54	68.66	- 0.01	..
Pacific	58.58	60.79†	- 0.06	..
UK Inc & Gth	71.05	75.59	+ 0.10	2.20
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 438				
Fund of Funds	176.32	186.58	- 0.02	0.64
Emerg Mkts	40.27	45.78	- 0.22	1.14
High Income #	53.55	56.67†	+ 0.17	5.73
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.11	72.19	- 0.13	2.81
Growth Income	72.54	76.89	+ 0.03	2.26
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01792 740 700				
Principal Tst	154.86	164.75	- 0.63	1.91
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	107.70	114.60	- 0.20	3.38
Conv & Gilt	114.20	121.50†	+ 3.20	6.19
European Income	77.97	82.95†	+ 0.17	3.17
Extra Income	168.70	179.40	+ 0.60	4.85
-do- Accum	212.30	225.80	+ 0.70	4.85
Far East	379.70	404.00	- 0.70	0.31
-do- Accum	387.70	412.50	- 0.70	0.31
Global Income	27.75	29.52	- 0.04	4.80
High Income	126.50	134.60†	+ 0.40	4.06
-do- Accum	156.30	166.30	+ 0.50	4.06
International	199.20	211.90	- 0.30	0.82
-do- Accum	206.10	219.30	- 0.30	0.82
Pref & Fxd Int	42.87	45.61†	+ 0.14	7.03
Recovery	76.72	81.62	+ 0.06	2.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	120.20	127.90		1.66
-do- Accum	130.90	139.30	..	1.66
Technology	608.50	647.30	- 3.90	
UK Blue Chip	77.88	82.86	+ 0.18	3.10
-do- Accum	88.89	94.56	+ 0.20	3.10
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3863				
Equity Gth	216.60	230.40	- 0.30	1.57
European Gth	116.00	123.30	+ 0.10	0.94
Income & Gth #	148.80	158.30	+ 0.20	3.23
Japan Gth	112.80	120.00	+ 0.10	
Nth Amer Gth	185.20	197.00	- 0.20	0.09
Overseas Gth	109.40	116.40	- 0.10	0.28
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	41.10	42.58	- 0.44	1.74
Cash Haven Inc	100.99	101.48†	+ 0.01	5.73
Cash Haven Acc	114.90	115.46†	+ 0.01	5.73
Dist Trust Inc	102.19	105.89†	+ 0.13	6.31
Dist Trust Acc	109.93	113.91†	- 0.54	6.31
Global Growth	97.42	103.63	- 0.67	1.43
Equity Inc	87.27	92.84†	+ 0.05	3.01
Equity	808.34	859.93†	- 2.16	2.20
European	236.54	245.22†	+ 0.19	0.74
High Income	91.80	97.76	+ 0.22	5.01
Intl Grth	204.28	217.31	+ 0.45	0.87
Intl Sm Co	85.96	91.44	- 0.70	0.47
Japanese	209.78	217.38	+ 0.76	..
Nth Amer	209.79	217.39†	- 0.13	1.13
Pacific Mkts	109.13	112.06	+ 0.26	0.29
Premier Inc	48.01	50.90†	+ 0.16	6.57
Sm Cos	100.46	106.87†	+ 0.06	1.43
Spec Sits	118.57	126.13	- 0.19	2.57
UK Growth	136.50	145.21	- 0.27	2.13
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	323.80	343.40	+ 0.10	3.08
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	604.81	642.86	- 0.77	0.64
FA America (Acc)	707.33	751.82	- 0.91	0.64
FA UK Equity Inc	169.29	180.70†	+ 0.74	3.45
FA Japan	241.30	256.68	+ 0.76	
FA Major UK Cos	104.59	111.51	+ 0.05	2.23
FA Smlr UK Cos	329.82	350.00	+ 0.85	1.30
FA European	355.38	377.73	- 1.38	0.75
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.67	58.58	- 0.14	0.13
FA Asia	48.68	52.25	- 0.21	0.13
FA Jap Smlr Cos	41.27	44.16	+ 0.13	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	108.39	114.09	+ 0.07	.
UK Smlr Cos	96.49	101.56	+ 0.24	
UK Income	108.15	113.83	+ 0.45	. .
America	121.78	128.18	- 0.15	
Japanese	53.26	56.06	+ 0.17	
European	114.55	120.57	- 0.41	
Gilt	95.73	100.76	+ 0.43	
Deposit	86.93	91.50	+ 0.02	
Managed	107.45	113.10	- 0.13	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	105.43	110.97	+ 0.06	.
UK Smaller Cos	94.12	99.07	+ 0.24	
UK Income	105.38	110.92	+ 0.44	.
America	118.38	124.60	- 0.15	..
Japanese	51.78	54.50	+ 0.17	.
European	111.47	117.33	- 0.40	..
Gilt	93.98	98.92	+ 0.43	.
Deposit	83.02	87.39	+ 0.02	. .
Managed	100.71	106.00	+ 0.17	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	101.70	108.50		. .
Pacific Basin	74.16	79.74	- 0.25	.
High Inc Dist	146.00	156.10	.	1.95
Ryl Life Int Clnry	61.23	64.94	+ 0.31	1.99
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	72.21	77.13	+ 0.01	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.47	70.71	- 0.30	.
UK Emerging Cos	138.20	149.40	+ 0.20	1.03
UK Index Trckg	181.80	193.70†	+ 2.80	3.14
European	147.50	158.50†	- 0.70	..
Managed	164.20	176.50	+ 0.20	0.67
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	169.30	180.10	- 0.50	1.79
European Growth	121.00	128.30	- 0.30	2.56
Far East Growth	132.60	141.10	+ 0.90	2.15
Japan Growth	127.40	135.50†	- 0.90	..
Special Sits	323.86	338.00	+ 0.70	1.25
UK Growth	87.82	93.42	+ 0.17	2.09
Triton General	258.40	274.90†	- 0.10	1.08
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	157.80	167.00		0.26
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	351.80	372.40	- 0.70	0.22
-do- Accum	547.20	579.00	- 0.90	0.22
Growth Inc	141.20	149.40	- 0.10	0.37
-do- Accum	144.60	153.20	- 0.10	0.37
International Inc	361.50	382.50	...	0.29
-do- Accum	498.30	527.30	...	0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	369.50	391.80	+ 0.80	0.29
UK Gen Prog Inc	236.60	250.40	...	1.23
-do- Accum	266.30	281.80		1.23
UK High Inc Inc	140.80	149.00	- 0.20	3.74
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	74.95	79.73†	- 0.31	
Asian Gwth	109.08	116.02	- 0.58	0.75
European Gwth	77.25	82.18	+ 0.07	1.00
Global Bd	61.25	64.76	- 0.03	5.00
Global Eq	63.17	67.20	+ 0.06	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	55.59	59.13	+ 0.18	.
UK Gwth	75.78	80.62	+ 0.07	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	82.29	87.54†	- 0.58	3.06
Amer Smlr Cos	133.10	141.60	- 1.10	
Asian Smaller Cos	40.55	43.14	+ 0.05	...
Capital Portfolio	139.00	147.90	+ 0.50	1.75
Cash	130.40	130.40	...	6.15
China Dragon	55.48	59.02	- 0.04	1.58
Commodity	126.50	134.60	- 0.10	.
Eastern Discovery	96.63	102.80	- 0.20	..
Emerging Mkts	34.68	36.89	+ 0.06	0.04
Energy Inds	131.90	140.30	- 0.30	0.15
European Gwth	202.30	215.20†	- 0.80	0.21
Euro Inc & Gwth #	84.20	89.57	- 0.12	3.01
Euro Smlr Cos	59.27	63.05†	- 0.45	0.08
Extra Income #	54.87	56.60†	+ 0.13	5.52
Financial Secs	253.10	269.30†	+ 1.10	1.24
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	49.24	52.00	+ 0.18	8.64
Gold & Exploration	76.72	81.62	- 1.30	
High Return #	245.50	261.20		3.94
High Yield #	246.00	261.70	+ 0.10	3.52
Income #	127.40	135.50	+ 0.10	4.15
Intl Bond	172.80	182.50	.	5.55
ITU	220.40	234.50†	+ 0.20	0.71
Japan Growth	165.30	175.80	+ 0.10	..
Japan Smaller	167.20	177.80	+ 0.30	..
Korea	63.56	67.62†	+ 1.06	.
Masterfund	58.38	62.17	- 0.02	0.96
Scotbits	382.90	407.30	+ 1.30	1.81
Scotshares #	324.40	345.10†	+ 0.40	1.84
Scotyields #	261.90	278.60	+ 0.30	3.29
Select Intl	144.80	154.00†	- 0.30	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	250.50	266.50	- 0.30	3.51
SE Asia	49.01	52.14	- 0.15	0.24
Special Situation	144.40	153.60	+ 0.20	1.79
UK Equity #	273.50	291.00	+ 0.40	2.39
UK Growth	73.59	78.29	+ 0.12	1.79
UK & O'seas	181.70	193.30	+ 0.20	1.24
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	52.99	56.37	- 0.03	1.53
US Growth	181.80	193.40	- 1.20	0.13
Univ Growth	145.50	154.80	- 0.20	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bsr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	300.76	318.87†	- 0.80	1.00
-do- Accum	330.91	350.84†	- 0.86	1.00
European Gwth	83.27	88.35	- 0.10	0.89
Euro Smlr Cos	89.01	94.90	- 0.20	0.45
Far Eastern Gth	95.94	102.33	+ 0.01	..
-do- Accum	97.67	104.18	+ 0.01	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.53	55.39	+ 0.30	7.46
Global Bond #	53.53	55.32	- 0.09	7.04
-do- Accum #	60.21	62.22	- 0.11	7.04
Global Emrr Mkts	49.35	52.83†	+ 0.08	.
-do- Accum	49.39	52.68†	+ 0.09	.
Income #	382.65	408.16	- 0.42	4.97
-do- Accum #	£12.44	£13.27	- 1.39	4.97
Japan Smlr Cos	431.10	459.83	+ 1.74	...
-do- Accum	431.96	460.75	+ 1.74	..
Japan Enterprise	66.89	71.13†	+ 0.36	...
Pacific Gwth	134.13	143.07	- 0.29	0.51
-do- Accum	138.46	147.69	- 0.30	0.51
Portfolio	87.90	93.76	- 0.06	1.98
-do- Accum	96.11	102.51	- 0.07	1.98
Seoul	48.94	52.20	+ 0.33	..
-do- Accum	48.94	52.20	+ 0.33	.
Smaller Cos	250.04	266.70	- 0.46	1.19
Tokyo	119.88	127.87	+ 0.51	.
-do- Accum	121.09	129.16	+ 0.51	..
UK Enterprise	301.80	321.91	+ 0.30	2.09
-do- Accum	364.71	389.02	+ 0.36	2.09
UK Equity	270.82	288.88	- 0.53	2.56
-do- Accum	539.56	589.12	- 1.05	2.56
US Smlr Cos	200.00	213.33†	- 0.53	. .
-do- Accum	200.00	213.33†	- 0.53	...
Institutional Funds				
European	265.20	275.41	- 1.40	1.34
-do- Accum	296.68	308.12	- 1.60	1.34
Euro Smlr Cos	30.27	31.53	- 0.32	1.61
-do- Accum	32.52	33.87	- 0.34	1.61
Global Equity Inc	83.07	86.53†	- 0.24	1.13
Japan Smlr Cos	35.88	37.37	+ 0.11	0.15
-do- Accum	36.19	37.69	+ 0.11	0.15
Mngd Balanced	207.65	216.30†	- 0.07	2.85
-do- Accum	239.81	249.77†	- 0.07	2.85
Overseas Equity	204.15	212.65	- 0.22	1.12
-do- Accum	212.09	220.92	- 0.23	1.12
Oseas Smlr Cos	129.72	135.12	- 0.43	1.00
-do- Accum	135.99	141.65	- 0.45	1.00
Pacific	245.95	256.19†	- 1.02	1.44
-do- Accum	271.71	283.03†	- 1.12	1.44
Recovery	£20.51	£21.36	- 0.58	3.02
-do- Accum	£22.04	£22.95	- 0.63	3.02
UK Index	170.15	177.24	+ 0.04	3.49
-do- Accum	214.08	222.97	+ 0.05	3.49
UK Small Cos	122.31	127.40	- 0.22	2.75
-do- Accum	132.71	138.23	- 0.24	2.75
US Smlr Cos	56.54	58.89†	- 0.08	0.45
-do- Accum	57.83	60.24†	- 0.08	0.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	57.08	60.36	+ 0.65	2.58
Equity Trust	70.17	74.20	+ 0.62	2.39
Equity Strategy	81.77	86.47	+ 0.42	1.62
European Opps	98.28	103.65	- 0.20	0.40
UK Smaller Cos	72.17	76.32	+ 0.01	1.23
Maximum Inc	96.41	101.99	+ 0.01	6.78
Japanese	75.46	79.86	+ 0.26	. .
Asia Pacific	120.33	127.25	+ 0.03	1.49
American	119.74	126.62	- 0.31	0.62
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	32.04	32.04	.	6.178
UK General Inc	57.98	61.65	+ 0.02	17.61
-do- Accum	76.20	81.28	+ 0.02	17.61
Intl Income	277.50	285.80†	- 0.70	1.56

Losses across the board

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2928¼	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2866¾	+ 6¼	4.5	10.5
622½	413	Abbey Nat	606	- 15	4.0	12.1
398	250	Allied Irish	362	- 5	4.0	10.5
281	198	Aus New Z	279	- 1	5.6	
4075	2531¼	Bank America	4012½	+ 106¼		
274	191½	Bank Scotland†	267	- 6	2.9	11.8
812½	557¼	Barclays	792	- 18	3.6	10.8
479	286	Bk of Ireland†	472	- 5	3.6	9.5
525	418	Cater Allen	461	- 2	7.9	7.0
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4368¾	+ 6¼		
347½	216¼	Close Bros	316	- 2	3.4	14.3
£162¼	£139¼	Commerzbk	£150½	+ 168¾	3.6	
1375	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1162½	+ 3¾	0.5	
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	2987¼	- 12½	2.5	
881¼	568¾	Espirito Santo	558¾	- 16¼	6.3	7.6
1611	1138¾	Fuji Bank Y	1271½	+ 3½	0.4	
490	396	Gerrard Nat	456	- 1	6.2	14.7
253	180	Hambros	203		4.7	
983	589	HSBC	943	- 10	3.7	12.3
947	578	HSBC HK	926	- 10	3.8	12.0
348	226	Irish Perm	348	+ 1	3.5	8.0
463	353	Joseph (L)	463		4.8	25.9
145	85	King Shaxson	115		9.8	8.9
873	530	Lloyds	864	- 7	3.9	13.2
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	550	- 2	7.1	
697	454	Nat West	677	- 15	4.2	10.5
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.6	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	46		3.8	18.0
589½	373¼	Ryl Bk Scot	530½	- 18½	3.4	12.8
1478	906¾	Schroders	1303		1.4	18.6
1180	823¼	Schroders N/V	1098		1.6	15.6
110	81	Singer & Fried	109		4.2	11.3
575	246	Stand Chart	564	- 8	2.0	14.2
416	217	TSB	410	- 5	3.5	14.3
121	70	Union	111		3.4	
£145¼	9043¾	Wells Fargo	£136¾		2.2	
269¼	211	Westpac	261½	- 1	5.1	
295	200	Wintrust	288		4.9	16.5

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Ascot Hldgs	221	+ 1		0.4
696½	487	Bass	682	- 4	4.0	16.4
449	239	Boddington	438	+ 5	2.6	22.5
192	137	Burtonwd Brwr	180½		3.7	17.5
186	137	Eldridge P 'A'	173		3.1	21.0
99	51	Fosters Brewing	99		3.0	
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	409	- 2	2.6	17.5
540	402	Greenalls Grp	525	- 3	3.2	15.2
658	468	Greene King	628	- 1	2.8	16.8
297	240	Hardy Hanson	289	- 1	3.2	13.5
160	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt J	3113		2.2	16.7
347	219	Mansfield	329	- 5	2.1	16.4
321	266	Marston Thmp	306		2.7	15.3
543	391½	Morland	517		2.7	15.6
8½	6½	Paramount†	6¾		4.1	10.8
605	307	Regent Inns	595		1.5	23.4
2143¾	1287½	SA Breweries	2125	- 12½	1.6	28.9
636	482	Scot & New	622	- 6	3.7	16.7
337	276	Scot & New F/P	330			
309	211	Vaux Group	287	- 2	4.1	15.1
640	448	Wetherspoon JD	639		1.6	
666½	521	Whitbread†	651	- 5	4.0	16.1
585	483	Wolvrhmptn D	535	- 2	3.4	13.5
306	186	Yates Bros	305	+ 1	1.3	27.0
475	425	Young A	445		4.3	17.8

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
113¾	88¾	ABI Leis	99		5.1	
585	510	Adam & Harvey	510		4.9	6.8
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	88	Appleyard	91		8.2	9.8
4½	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	567	- 2	4.3	16.3
48	28	BandR	33			
24½	15½	Bearing Power	19½		7.6	8.1
28	18	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	9.3
483	345	Bunzl	439	- 2	3.8	16.9
21	10¼	Burgoyne Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Bnt Fitzgrst	84		4.8	12.7
270	215	Caffyns	253		5.7	18.0
88	54	Central Mt	66		5.2	17.9
80	35	Cook (DC)	35		3.4	8.1
320½	230	Cowie	288	- 5	4.1	12.5
155	126	Dag Motors	128		7.0	10.6
598	503	Dawsons B	503	- 5	1.9	11.1
501	408	Diploma	437	- 10	4.2	
333	238	Electrocomps†	320	- 4	2.3	21.7
247	153	Eurodir Elec	232		2.3	16.0
235	64	Eurodollar	67	- 2	15.3	3.8
120	87	European Mtr	95		6.8	8.2
449	289	Evans Halshaw	289	- 3	6.7	9.0
695	512	Farnell Electr	671	- 10	1.8	19.5
72	48	File Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	19		5.4	8.4
93	16	[illegible]	28		1.3	
108	61	Gowrings	85		3.3	14.1
185	148	Harris (Philip)	184		4.8	12.8
201	142	Headlam†	194	- 1	2.7	17.0
554	258	Henlys	500	- 10	2.5	18.8
137	81	Holders Tech	134		5.6	25.5
163	88	ISA Intl†	155		1.3	17.0
430	228½	Inchcape†	238	- 17½	7.9	21.6
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	183	- 2	3.1	15.6
358¼	264½	Lex Service	300	- 5	6.0	16.0
195	148	Lookers	149		6.4	8.2
22	9	Malaya Grp	11¼	- ¾	5.3	15.2
9½	5	Middlesex	8¾		0.7	30.1
71	36	Midstates	38	+ 1		5.4
503	330	Norbain	485		1.3	16.7
268	78	[illegible]	255	+ 12	0.8	20.5
155	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	272		3.9	14.2
186	123	Perry Grp	156		6.1	11.8
146	126	Quick Group	140		5.1	11.9
198	160	REA	195		2.6	23.2
3¾	2¼	Reece	3	- ¼		
73	48	Ronson	54		2.9	11.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
63½	37½	SEP Ind	59½		2.5	19.8
17½	8½	[illegible]	11			6.2
74½	38	TLS	68	- 1	3.4	11.7
266	226	Time Products	256		4.6	14.8
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	265		2.7	16.8
305	240	Wholesale Ftg.	305		4.8	19.0
90	62½	Wilshaw†	63½	- ¼	1.6	15.2
90	56½	Wyko	85		1.8	
104	68	Young (H)	100	- 2	4.5	15.3

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RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	98¼	+ 2¼	2.8	16.7
309	254½	Argyll	291	- 2	5.2	12.5
718	456	Brake Bros	671	+ 2	1.6	20.2
39	23	Budgen	33		4.2	31.1
18	11½	Cullens	15½		4.0	21.8
89¾	45	Dairy Farm Intl	49	- 1¼	7.8	7.1
355	307	Farepak	307		3.1	15.0
55	38	Fitzwilton	50		5.7	21.2
115	95	Fyffes	98	- 3	2.0	14.0
200	103	Geest†	117		8.7	46.7
1283	1048	Greggs	1148		2.6	15.6
196	142	Iceland Group	160	+ 2	4.1	9.6
732	519	Kwik Save	570	+ 4	4.5	10.2
19¾	10	Merchant Retail	15¾			10.9
170	132	Morrison (W)	140	- 3	1.1	13.9
199	126	Nurdin Peacock	168		5.2	17.0
128	83	Park Foods	90		4.0	15.5
30	7½	Regina Hlth	13			
479½	369½	Sainsbury J†	370½	- 2½	4.0	12.3
339	236	Tesco†	279		4.0	13.3
175	128	Thorntons†	136		4.9	15.6
515	358	Watson & Philip	505	- 1	3.3	17.7

RETAILERS, GENERAL

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

SUPPORT SERVICES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	61	Air London†	100	+ 1	5.0	..
768½	596	All Nippon Air	632½	+ 1¾	0.3	..
320	262	Assoc Br Ports	283	- 5	2.9	16.9
546	414	BAA†	498	- 2	2.7	18.5
484	348	Br Airways†	464	+ 2	3.4	11.5
51	17	Central Tran R	17			
123	93	Clarkson (H)†	106		2.9	17.5
193	153	Clydeport	170		2.8	15.7
205	142	Dart	202	+ 2	2.8	15.2
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	96			
154	131	FirstBus	144	- 1	3.9	
80	50	Fisher (James)	80		2.3	16.7
825	403¾	Forth Ports	615		2.9	28.5
305	166	Go-Ahead†	305	+ 2	2.0	11.3
273	199	Goode Durrant	254		3.5	12.5
139	100	[illegible]	112		4.9	27.0
548	393	Irish Cont	478		1.0	11.8
70	52	Jacobs	63		2.1	...
107	67	Lon O'Seas Frts	83		0.8	17.1
485	358	Mersey Docks	441		3.1	16.9
189	142½	NFC†	154	- 2	5.8	15.8
422	289	Nat Express	385		2.9	15.2
387	261	Ocean Group	371	+ 3	4.8	22.7
94	68	Ocean Wilson	89		6.0	3.5
637	459	P & O Dfd	495	+ 3	7.7	13.2
211	167	P & O 5.5%	180		3.8	
89	55	Seacon	63		4.5	35.8
236	158	Servisair†	235		2.0	32.2
277	196	Stagecoach	276		2.4	18.1
110	79	TNT	92	- 2	..	
713	410	Tibbet & Britn	410	- 3	4.9	13.3
241	184	TDG	194	- 1	6.1	12.8
128	73	[illegible]	74		3.5	12.3
113	77	Utd Carriers	86		7.1	18.3

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
600	443	Anglian†	580	- 1	5.8	8.9
366	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	358		4.4	8.7
641	467¾	North West▼	609	+ 4	6.5	7.7
1175	676	Northumbrian†	1169	+ 35	3.2	9.1
672	475	Severn Trent	665	+ 8	5.4	8.2
2300	1855	South Staffs	2300	+ 15	4.0	13.3
555	450	South West	507		6.7	7.1
731	517	Southern	679	- 2	4.8	8.8
575	456	Thames†	564	- 6	5.8	7.7
800	537¼	Welsh	704	+ 1	7.2	8.4
106¼	100½	Welsh Cn Prf	106¾	+ ¼	..	
361	256¼	Wessex	354½	+ 1½	4.7	8.8
677½	472	Yorkshire	616	+ 7	5.8	9.8

Source: Finstat

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■ OPERA

Plenty of blast from the brass, but ENO's *Turandot* misses the subtler points

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O'Neill's *Desire Under the Elms* is played for melodrama in a new staging at the Tricycle

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A traumatic era of evil is powerfully evoked in Julia Pascal's *Holocaust Trilogy*

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Reviews of *The Madness of King George* and all the other new videos and CDs

What are you on about?

MARILYN KINGWILL

Sound and fury: Sophia Larson makes her ill-fated British debut in Christopher Alden's disappointing production of *Turandot* for ENO

OPERA: All but incomprehensible in places, ENO's singing falls on **Rodney Milnes**'s deafened ears

Turandot
Coliseum

At times one was reminded of Ernest Thesiger's legendary summing-up of the First World War as he sat purse-lipped with disapproval at his needlework — "My dear, the people, and the *noise*". With Puccini's stage brass placed in the right-hand circle box at the Coliseum, the barrage of sound unleashed at the final curtain of each act was overwhelming, especially when full organ was added at the end of the second and a huge stage-gong in the first. The audience was stunned into submission.

Puccini was probably aiming a little higher than at beating audiences senseless with sound, but that seemed to be the level at which ENO's first and generally disappointing attempt at *Turandot* was operating. The conductor David Atherton, so coolly expert at sorting out the textures of abstruse contemporary music, went for a generally lush, sumptuous, late-Romantic sound, which may have worked in nice counterpoint to the sadistic creepiness of the subject matter. But too much of the detail and sharp colour of one of the great 20th-century scores was lost in the process. The standard of ensemble was surprisingly lax — too often the music simply was not together enough.

And Atherton appeared not to be interested in balance. The orchestra was often heedlessly loud, which cancelled out one of the main come-ons of the whole enterprise — William Radice's new translation. Untamed woodwind, for instance, frequently covered the Masks' Trio in the second act. But that is not the whole story: the evening demonstrated clearly changes in singing-style over the years, changes that put the future of ENO in the balance.

Janice Watson is a lovely singer, and shaped Liù's music throughout with touching eloquence, floating her high notes with great delicacy. But I heard scarcely a word the whole evening. Even those few — depressingly few — singers who did sing words sang them mechanically, without apparently thinking about what they meant.

The whole game was given away with the appearance of John Fryatt as the Emperor Altoum. Fryatt came to the Coliseum with the company from Sadler's Wells more than 25 years ago, when the standard of diction was immeasurably higher and there was some point to singing in English. Here, often on a thread of sound, he made every single word tell, he was *thinking* them, and for a brief moment *Turandot* sprang into life as living drama rather than just noise.

Who is in charge of text at the Coliseum? Is there nobody to tell conductors and indeed directors (here singers were put upstage, and at times made to sing upstage too) that not a word is getting across and everyone is wasting their time, and the audience's money (not to mention the taxpayers')?

The problem was compounded by the casting of the Viennese soprano Sophia Larson in the title role, and whoever engaged her should be considering their position. More than ever you admired Calaf for answering her riddles, as he certainly could not have understood the questions. Larson delivered at a steady forte-to-fortissimo (look at the score, dear) with dubious intonation and coarse, unimaginative phrasing. An ill-advised British debut.

Edmund Barham sang Calaf with ideal robustness and variety of dynamic (good words, too). The Masks — Roberto Salvatori, John Dazsak, Anthony Mee — would be fine if you could hear what they are going on about. The chorus, muzzy at first, got better later.

It is difficult to decode Christopher Alden's challenging production, but worth the effort with so little else to engage the mind (an Aids subtext? I hope not, though there is plenty more in there, even if much of the extraneous mime remains impenetrable). It was well rehearsed, but heard to far better advantage in Cardiff last year.

THEATRE: Poor melodrama; reminder of real-life horror

Casting a pale shadow

Desire Under the Elms
Tricycle

Imagine you are a set designer working on a tight budget for a small touring company. You open page one of Eugene O'Neill's *Desire Under the Elms* and find you must create two elms that brood with "crushing jealous absorption" over a farmhouse. More, they must resemble "exhausted women resting their sagging breasts and hands and hair on its roof, and, when it rains, their tears trickle down monotonously and rot on the shingles". Well, how would you cope?

Perhaps in the way Neil Warmington does for Shared Experience. He has allowed one slim, maidenly tree to weave through, up and over bits of evocative black-brown timber. It is a sensible solution, but also a symptom of what is to happen below. Polly Teale's cast gives us half a tragedy — and what is a half-tragedy but a whole melodrama?

Some may object that *Desire* is pretty melodramatic anyway. The play concerns tyrannical old Ephraim, who weds young Abbie, who in turn falls for his son by an earlier marriage, Eben. Result: illicit passion, a love-child the besotted cuckold declares will inherit the farm, misunderstandings, quarrels, murder. If Euripides were the author, we would doubtless feel that the characters were determining the ferocities of the plot. With O'Neill in control, it tends to be vice-versa.

But, as often with his work, the intensity and self-belief of the actors can lift melodrama into something you buy as tragic at the time. That this is unlikely to occur at the Tricycle is evident from the entrance of Ephraim and Abbie. Such is the build-up the other characters give him that you expect the patriarch to stalk in with ten tablets from Mount Sinai in one palm and his bride in the other. Sour looks and a vinegar voice are not enough, and they are, on the whole, what Robin Thomson gives us.

Gabrielle Reidy's Abbie has her moments with Jonathan Cullen's brooding Eben; but they have as much to do with evocative music and stage magic (arms intuitively reaching from her in the bedroom to him in the scullery) as with genuinely passionate acting. Something is happening beneath that flimsy tree, but it isn't loathing, fury or the irresistible pull of incestuous love. It is more brittle and minor.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The ghosts of Auschwitz

The Holocaust Trilogy
New End

Down the road, at the Freud Museum, the exhibits include a photograph of Nazis making Jews scrub the streets of Vienna in 1938. The faces do not reveal the feelings of the kneeling men, nor of the onlookers.

Theresa, the first of Julia Pascal's three plays, which opens with just such a scene, fills in those missing feelings, although the approach is roundabout. Theresa Steiner, a former professor of music at the Conservatoire, recalls the taste of the pastries in a coffee house overlooking the street, and only gradually does her memory move towards the truly central event. Ruth Posner speaks English but Thomas Kampe, as Theresa's son, overlaps her words with the same in German, a dislocating technique that both distances the material and makes its reality more urgent.

Theresa escapes to England and finds work as a nanny, but, when war breaks out, her employer takes the baffling decision to remove her children and Theresa to the supposed safety of the Channel Islands. After the German invasion, Theresa is bundled off to Auschwitz. Unsurprisingly, the drama has not been invited to play on Guernsey.

The second and weakest of the plays, *A Dead Woman on Holiday*, is set during the Nuremberg trials, where a French Jewess (Claire Marchionne, hauntingly still) is one of the simultaneous translators. She has an intense affair with an American and is destroyed by having to listen to the evidence of so much atrocity. But Pascal's inclination to create scenes of only marginal connection to her theme is most noticeable here.

In *The Dybbuk*, Pascal imagines this famous Jewish drama of soul-invasion being performed in an unnamed Eastern European ghetto in 1942. She further places it within the frame of a woman of today mourning "the lost cousins, uncles and aunts who I want to have known". Sensing their presence within her, the statement "I have so many dybbuks" resonantly binds her to the old play.

Pascal directs this and the first play (Jon Harris directs the middle one), making imaginative use of the ghetto props, with the ladders eventually representing the railway track that will carry the victims to the gas chamber. The action is not always easy to interpret, but this final scene will prove hard to forget.

JEREMY KINGSTON

The high and the mighty

RECITAL

Asawa/Tan
Wigmore Hall

THE risk a singer takes of being upstaged by his or her accompanist is greatly increased when the latter is Melvyn Tan. Not only is his keyboard prowess formidable, but he interprets with every fibre of his lithe body, inevitably drawing as much attention to himself as to the singer. The risk was worth it, though, for the American-based countertenor Brian Asawa, whose Wigmore Hall recital on Tuesday night was immeasurably enhanced by Tan's fortepiano.

Asawa's tonal production has the warm-blooded, vibrant timbre of his compatriots. He has made his mark, too, on the operatic circuit, giving him a naturally theatrical quality that came through well in Cherubino's aria *Voi che sapete* from *Le nozze di Figaro*, infused with adolescent passion, and in *Perche tacer degg'io?* from Mozart's *Ascanio in Alba*, carried off in virtuoso style.

In a group of Schubert Lieder, Asawa conjured an evocative sunset glow in *Im Abendrot*. *Litanei* was characterised by elegant turns and neatly tapered phrases. Two faster songs, *Fischerweise* and *Der Schiffer*, both went with a swing, animated splendidly by Tan.

In stylishly sung groups by Purcell and Alessandro Scarlatti, the tone for each song was set impeccably by Tan, especially the humour of the former's *Man is for the Woman Made* and the plangent grief of the latter's *Son tutta duolo*.

Encountertenor, a cycle of three songs by Jake Heggie, written for Asawa, amusingly explored "what it is like to grow up in the United States as a countertenor". John Hall's lyrics wittily evoke people's "imagined memories of altered males", although Heggie's settings do so more successfully in his keyboard accompaniments. A nice conceit and engagingly delivered.

Tan provided two keyboard-only interludes with a pair of Schubert Impromptus. The cascading arpeggios of No 4 in A Flat, D899, were tossed off too fast for their own good. The variations of No 3 in B Flat, D935, however, found the perfect balance between spontaneity and a discreet self-consciousness.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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BBC RADIO ONE

■ CHOICE 1

Setting out a stall for *Bizarre Fruit*: M People go on the road

VENUE: Tonight to Sun at the Albert Hall

■ CHOICE 2

Georg Solti puts the LSO through its paces in a Bartók series

VENUE: Opens on Sunday at the Barbican

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

Margaret Price replaces an indisposed Caballé in Hallé galas

VENUE: Bradford tonight, Manchester on Sunday

■ POP 1

Let's hear it for Harry Snapper: Caitlin Moran extols the art of pop photography

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

M PEOPLE *The pop-dance act of 1994 are still on a roll since winning the Mercury Music Prize. Bizarre Fruit remains in the chart a year after it was released, and a revised version, Bizarre Fruit II, featuring additional live tracks, mixes and the current single, is released next week.* Early booking recommended. On tour until Dec 16.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 ♿ (0171-589 8212), Tonight-Sun, then **Hull** (01482 215004), Nov 28 and 29. **Exeter** (01392 446000), Nov 30. **Brighton** (01273 202881), Dec 3

MUSIC AT THE BARBICAN. A Gavin Bryars world premiere for cello and orchestra starts the weekend for soloist Julian Lloyd Webber and the **English Chamber Orchestra**, while soprano **Lesley Garrett** serves up more operatic favourites tomorrow. Expect the greatest musical fireworks on Sunday, though, when **Solti celebrates Bartók**. Sir Georg leads the London Symphony Orchestra for the first of a three-concert tribute to his compatriot. Kyung-Wha Chung is the first of the star soloists.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, Sun, 7.30, Sat, 8pm ♿

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Jeremy Sams takes charge for this year's return of the National Theatre favourite, as both director and composer. Jeremy Sinden plays Toad, with Francis Matthews, Christopher Strauli and Ian Sharrock.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 6655). Previews begin tomorrow, 7.30pm, opens Nov 29, 7pm ♿

ELSEWHERE

BRADFORD AND MANCHESTER Kent Nagano takes to the podium for one of the highlights of the **Hallé Orchestra**'s season: the great **Dame Margaret Price** steps in for Montserrat Caballé for a gala programme of Rossini, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and opera arias.
St George's Concert Hall ♿ (01274 752000), tonight. **Free Trade Hall** ♿ (0161-834 1712), Sun. Both, 7.30pm.

CHICHESTER Traditional English music is on offer this Sunday from Vernon Handley and the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**, including works by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Bax. Jonathan Carney is the soloist.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781 312). Sun, 7pm ♿

EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW Principal guest conductor Alexander Lazarev brings a distinctly Russian flavour to a weekend of music with the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra.** Jean-Yves Thibaudet should dazzle as the soloist for Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 1.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road ♿ (0131-228 1155), tonight. **Royal Concert Hall**, Buchanan Street ♿ (0141-227 5511), tomorrow, both at 7.30pm

BOLTON Drawn from the York Mystery plays and adapted by Tony Harrison, **The Nativity** provides a timely antidote for panto. Ian Forrest directs.
Octagon, Howell Croft South (01204 520661). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, some mats, 2pm. Until Jan 6

LONDON GALLERIES

Cork Street Open Weekend Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 11am-6pm . **British Museum.** Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . **Hayward** Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (071-928 3144) . . **National Gallery.** Paintings from National Trust Houses (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) . **Royal Academy**: David Hockney Drawing Retrospective (0171-439 7438) . **Serpentine**: William Turnbull sculpture and paintings (0171-723 9072) . **Tate** Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) **V&A**: Jain Art from India (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE COUNTRY GIRL.** Strong and subtle by Corin Redgrave in Clifford Odets's drama of love, drink and marital protection. Nika Markham plays the supportive wife.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm ♿

■ **EDDIE IZZARD** The quirky comedian returns for another season of surreal musings on life.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7.30pm ♿

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE**: Assailed by crises in a mysterious detention centre. Harold Pinter is marvellously funny, heading the strong cast in his own, long-buried play.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 5pm

◪ **JOLSON** The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego. Brian Conley belts out the songs. Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

THE JUNGLE BOOK. Tim Supple directs his adaptation of three of Kipling's Mowgli stories for the Christmas season.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Now previewing, opens Dec 5, 7pm. Today's perf cancelled ♿

◪ **THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE.** A witty evening of song, dance and sketches to do with William S. Assembled by Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **SON OF MAN** Dennis Potter's story of the life of Christ (Joseph Fiennes), religious rebel. Strong acting, good design, unclear purpose.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm ♿

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN.** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **WHAT A SHOW!**: Musical spectacular revolving around the singing, dancing Tommy Steele.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-8393 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **WILD OATS**: Anton Lesser as Rover, the touring actor whose talk is a patchwork of the roles he has played. Highly enjoyable revival of John O'Keefe's 1791 farce, with James Bolam, Alan Cox, Sarah Woodward.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 22523). Tonight-Nov 30, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Wed, 2.15pm. ♿

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Buddy** Strand (0171-930 8800) . ☐ **Communicating Doors** Gielgud (0171-494 5530) ◪ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ☐ **Dead Guilty.** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ■ **Fame: The Musical** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . ◪ **Indian Ink**. Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) . ■ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ◪ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'AVVENTURA (PG) Monica Vitti lights up the screen as the forlorn, questing heroine of Antonioni's 1960 classic. A welcome revival.
Screen/Hill ♿ (0171-435 3366)

THE BASKETBALL DIARIES (18): Leonardo DiCaprio descends into heroin's hell. Scott Kalvert directs unedifying version of Jim Carroll's book.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

CARLOTA JOAQUINA, PRINCESS OF BRAZIL (15): Gauche and eccentric historical romp about the rulers of 18th-century Brazil. Director, Carla Camurati.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891)

A FISTFUL OF FINGERS (15). Juvenile Western spoof filmed in Somerset. It should have lasted 20 minutes. Director, Edgar Wright.
Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

◆ **GOLDENEYE** (12) Pierce Brosnan twinkles as the new James Bond. A rip-roaring thriller with a sense of humour, with Sean Bean. Director, Martin Campbell.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

SHANGHAI TRIAD (15): Enjoyably opulent gangster saga from Chinese director Zhang Yimou. With Gong Li.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722)

CURRENT

◆ **CRIMSON TIDE** (15) Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

PANTHER (15) Hurtling, rose-tinted drama about the rise of the Black Panther movement in the 1960s.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

LIVING IN OBLIVION (15) Trials and tribulations of making a low-budget movie. Delicious comedy from director Tom DiCillo, with Steve Buscemi.
MGMs: Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15). Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ♿ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TO WONG FOO THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, JULIE NEWMAR** (PG). New York drag queens charm the mid-West. Cosy comedy drama, with Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes and John Leguizamo. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18): *Die Hard* on a train, with Steven Seagal, Eric Bogosian and much tedious action.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **A WALK IN THE CLOUDS** (PG) Vacuous 1940s romance with Keanu Reeves as a returning soldier who finds a new life in California's vineyards. Director, Alfonso Arau.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

You can do anything to photographer Steve Gullick, but lay off his blue suede head

Suitable for framing

CAITLIN MORAN

Yeah, thanks, Nick Berry. Due to your television portrayal of a paparazzi photographer entangled with a pop star a few weeks back, everyone now thinks music photographers wear blouson leather jackets, grin like they've just found a Smartie down the back of the sofa, and do nothing more strenuous than encourage eager young blondes to squeeze their bosoms together for more cleavage.

Of course, music photography is a far greater and subtler talent than standing on cold pavements bawling: "Madonna! Madonna! Over 'ere, love". If you work for the music press, photography is about stealing a cover-image in a hotel lobby in three minutes flat; it's about attempting to reverse 16 years of styling and posing and carefully constructed lighting with one candid and poignant shot. It's about coming back with a far greater story than the reporter accompanying you does.

Ed Sirrs's shot of Richey Edwards from the Manic Street Preachers, face as white and luminous as limestone, his pupils wildly dilated and obscuring his irises as he blankly holds out his arm, into which he has carved the words "4 Real", was always going to tell a more compelling story than any journalist's copy could.

When we think of pop stars, we think of them in terms of photographs — Björk with a line of silver stars hovering above her eyebrows; the Beatles like black, semaphoring bats on the cover of *Help!*; Nirvana peering through railings, Kurt Cobain's face twisted into a ghastly, manic grin; Courtney Love in a white babydoll dress, simultaneously crooning into a microphone and kicking a leery punter in the face; Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam, the day he heard about Cobain's death, face daubed with burnt-cork crosses and a look of almost demonic determination on his face.

These last three photographs are the work of one photographer, Steve Gullick, whose work for *Melody Maker* and *Sounds* has already won him the accolade of Britain's finest and most intuitive pop photographer.

He has just published his first collection, *Pop Book Number One*, which contains the aforementioned pictures, along with shots of Supergrass naked and wrapped up in clingfilm; Henry Rollins looking mighty scary indeed, every inch of his frame exploding with muscle; and, my particular favourite, a shot of Stuart from the Tindersticks sitting at a table, alone, stirring the ash in an ashtray while his band play on behind him, regardless.

Gullick has often suffered greatly for his art. The last photograph in the book is a self-portrait taken after a Faith No More gig. His face is bloodied and bruised, his nose looking like it's been torn off and crudely stuck on again with Sellotape.

"You have to be careful at gigs," Gullick says quietly, sipping at a Coke and scuffing the floor with his shoes. "The photo pit is directly between the audience and the band. All these wild, sweaty kids crowd-surf until they get to the photo pit, and then they fall on your head. One tried to convince me to allow him to use my head as a stepping stone to get onstage.

"You have to explain that your head is quite delicate, and you would die. However, this is very difficult when a band is playing loudly not four feet away. So I just hit him instead." He grins a charming grin.

The multi-muscled, multi-skilled Henry Rollins, photographed by Steve Gullick

Descended from "very, very minor" Bavarian royalty, Gullick is now working on his first colour collection, to be printed next year. Considering some of the shots he has to choose from, it would seem that what will presumably be called *Pop Book Number Two* will be one of the most beautiful and necessary books about 1990s pop and rock.

Through a complicated procedure of lighting and processing, the colours become almost hyper-real; and each of his subjects is made to look as if they are made from velvet, silk and mercury.

Gullick is also working on his first pop video. "I've worked out why most videos are boring," he says, "and I've got so many ideas, my first one's probably going to be two hours long. But that's all in the future. That's for grown-ups. This book is for the kids. All the kids who land on my head."

● Pop Book Number One *is available from the Independent Music Press (£12.99 paperback; £22.99 hardback)*

Rap on the knuckles

Guru's Jazzmatazz
Empire, W12

For a nightmarish hour on Sunday evening, all the positive vibrations generated by rapper Guru's two Jazzmatazz projects since 1993 seemed to turn on him like a malevolent echo. One song into the set, the Boston-born rhymesmith found the sound system not to his liking, and his consequent refusal to perform stoked the threat of an audience revolt.

As the absence grew protracted, there came the first loud inquiry into the whereabouts of the disaffected punter's £12.50. This triggered a chorus of boos and catcalls.

It fell to veteran trumpeter Donald Byrd, one of the many celebrities on the current *Volume II: A New Reality* album, to play for time with a bumbling rap performance that the poor man should never have been asked to give. The proceedings plummeted into pantomime when the road crew apparently began to dismantle the stage set. It turned out that they were moving the equipment that had caused the problem, but for a while Byrd seemed to have transferred to the dance band on the *Titanic*.

Finally, an hour after their first entrance, the band reconvened. Apologies do not come easily to anyone in that most vainglorious of professions, rapping, but part of Guru's appeal is that his oratory style is far removed from other peacocks in his trade. Suitably contrite, he and his comrades made the best of what was, by now, a deadened atmosphere. British saxophonist Steve Williamson took his place in a tight, if truncated, hour of still-spicy jazz and funk grooves. Disaster was thus partially averted, but you would not have wanted to be in the sound man's shoes at the inquest.

PAUL SEXTON

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What a shame that the fine debut album of McAlmont and Butler should be their swansong

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Some 83 of the biggest names in the biz take part in Quincy Jones's latest musical odyssey

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Georgie Fame at Ronnie Scott's: still intent on finding the meaning of life beyond *Yeh Yeh*

You can't hurry loveliness

Alan Jackson talks to the painstaking Enya, a legend in her own overtime

In the HMV megastore on London's Oxford Street this week, the usual hundreds of young record buyers browsed through the racks a little more calmly than usual, the air around them thick with the rich, velvet sounds of the in-house DJ's surprising choice, a new album called *The Memory of Trees*.

Earlier, in the *Top of the Pops* studio, the album's maker had found herself a chart presence alongside such disparate fellow musicians as gangsta rapper Coolio and the boys from Blur and Oasis. Cold logic would have it that Enya, whose impressionistic songs are often instrumental or sung in foreign tongues, should not be a pop star. But she is.

Her 1988 debut album *Watermark* has now sold eight million copies; *Shepherd Moons*, its 1991 follow-up, has sold nine million. These achievements confirm her fluency in what Van Morrison once termed "the inarticulate speech of the heart".

Enya herself appears distanced from all the fuss. "The music is what sells, not me, or what I stand for," she says. "And that's the way I've always wanted it, because I'm extremely private by nature. Many people would have you believe it's impossible to have all this success and not be known publicly. So far, though, we've proved them wrong."

Her use of the plural is a reference to the two other members of a trinity that exists behind what has virtually become a brand name. Since 1982 the singer and musician, now 34, has worked closely with producer Nicky Ryan and his wife Rona, the lyricist for those tracks that are non-instrumental.

Few artists manage — or choose — to combine high sales with a low profile, but those who do can find their careers operating at a level beyond fad or fashion. The public knows little about Enya, beyond the fact that she comes from Donegal, now lives in Dublin, and was briefly a member of the family group Clannad. Such virtual anonymity offers another benefit — because almost no ego intrudes on her records, audiences can exercise their own imaginations when listening to them. "I find it incredible that a song which, to me, is quite specific in its meaning can inspire such different images and emotions in others," she says.

"They're delving into the very strong feelings the three of us have invested within the music and, regardless of what we tell them it's about, they're finding something personal in it. It's wonderful to hear of, but is something we can have no control over or awareness of when we're recording."

This can be a slow, at times even painful process. For the past two-and-a-half years she has worked six or seven-day weeks in her own studio, composing and recording without the distracting presence of engineers, staff or outside musicians. "And this is what I have achieved," she smiles, gesturing at the 11 titles on *The Memory of Trees*.

It can take weeks, even months of playing on piano or synthesizer to build up a song, she says. "Sometimes I think I've written my last, because it takes so long for the next one to form itself. Even a chord has to be special before I want to use it. And then I have to work and wait until it leads to something else. But once you have the bones of a good melody, you can begin to enhance it with sound and lyrics . . ."

This, she does not need to emphasise, is another slow process. Complementing her own background as a classically trained pianist is Ryan's love for the wall-of-sound techniques pioneered by Phil Spector and the Beach Boys. Lead vocals or harmonies may be built up from scores or even hundreds of over-layered parts.

This is not something that can be rushed, as Rob Dickens, of Enya's record company, appreciates only too well. It was he who signed Enya to the label after hearing the original music she and the Ryans had composed for a six-part BBC TV series, *The Celts*, in the mid-1980s. At the time, New Age music — the category Enya is most often placed in by US radio programmers — had no proven commercial appeal. Now the adjective "Enya-esque" has all but replaced New Age.

She insists, though, that hers is still an essentially Irish music, informed by the geography, myth and melancholy of Donegal. Not that she will spend much time in Ireland over the coming year. The worldwide promotion of her new LP will take up all of 1996. Then, after a rest, she and Ryan will cloister themselves in the studio again, to begin the inch-by-inch progress towards her next album.

"Sometimes I think I've written my last song, because it takes so long for the next one to form itself," Enya says. "Even a chord has to be special before I want to use it"

There have been, she says, "wonderful" offers to score films, but the investment of time would be too great. Similarly, although she is intrigued by the possibility of playing live, she worries about the effect it would have on her writing and recording schedule. "Everything I feel goes into the music," she says. "There's nothing more anyone could know that they can't already hear."

To non-believers, such a statement may be meaningless, but to everyone else it makes total, perfect sense.

● The Memory of Trees *and the single* Anywhere is *are available now on WEA*

Cool cat, hot stuff

Georgie Fame
Ronnie Scott's

A CLEAR sign of where Georgie Fame's priorities lie can be found in his introduction to his most famous song, *Yeh Yeh*. Instead of following standard showbiz practice by telling us how lucky the song has been for him — and it has, selling more than 250,000 copies when it topped the charts in 1965 — Fame lovingly dwells, in true jazz aficionado style, not only on its composers (Rodgers Grant and Pat Patrick, pianist and saxophonist respectively with Mongo Santamaria's band), but also on its lyricist (Jon Fredericks, most famous practitioner of vocalese) and on the version he first heard (a Newport Festival recording featuring Coleman Hawkins and Clark Terry).

Fame and his Blue Flames achieved something close to cult status with their weekly all-nighters at London's Flamingo Club in the 1960s, and he is still exploring the musical ground opened up to him by the recommendations and record collections of that club's patrons.

Thus, one such introduction, to the music of American blues singer/pianist Mose Allison, was commemorated in Fame's set-opening number, *Cool Cat Blues*, an appropriately slinky tune with deceptively subtle lyrics worthy of its dedicatee. Another, to the work of Hammond masters Jimmy McGriff and Jimmy Smith, bore fruit in a bluesy organ feature which saw a stellar front line — Guy Barker (trumpet), Alan Skidmore (tenor) and Anthony Kerr (vibes) — augment Fame's rhythm section of his sons Tristan and James Powell and bassist Geoff Gascoyne.

More recent musical associations, notably Fame's spell as MD with Van Morrison, also fed into the act. *Moondance*, played at an easy-going lope, not only drew a typically sinewy, intelligent solo from Skidmore and a sparkling contribution from Kerr, but also gave Fame himself the chance to stretch out vocally, featuring musical quotes from *Blue Moon* and *Summertime*.

But it is in the field of vocalese (the practice of setting lyrics to jazz improvisations pioneered by Eddie Jefferson in the 1940s) that Fame truly shines. The Gershwins' *How Long Has This Been Going On* — for which the band was joined by alto player Peter King — allowed Fame vocally to re-create a Chet Baker trumpet solo of typically winsome fragility; King's own *The Woodshed*, developed from Charlie Parker practice material, received similarly accomplished treatment.

Perhaps more important than all the jazz lore underpinning Fame's act, though, is its sheer exuberance and accessibility; as a purveyor of fresh, jazz-laced R & B, he is simply without peer in Britain.

CHRIS PARKER

Leaving a good-looking corpus

NEW ALBUMS

McALMONT & BUTLER
The Sound of McAlmont & Butler
(Hut/Virgin HUT32)

GIVEN the chequered careers and volatile natures of singer David McAlmont and former Suede guitarist Bernard Butler, their demise as a duo is hardly surprising. But what a shame that a debut album of such abundant promise as this should also turn out to be their swansong.

"Have you forgot whatever it was that you couldn't stand about me?" McAlmont sings in his sweet, supple falsetto on the duo's sensational first single, *Yes*; to which Butler's unspoken reply would presumably be a curt "No".

But whatever the personal differences, theirs was a musical marriage made in heaven, and this mid-price collection of everything they recorded together — 11 tracks, only one of which was previously unissued as either a single or B-side — is a sparkling cocktail of symphonic soul and spiky rock that makes most of the year's other debut albums sound hidebound.

There are echoes of Prince's mischievous, genre-bending style on the slinky knockabout of *What's the Excuse this Time?*, while the sinister yet sensual drift of *The Right Thing* recalls Butler's best work with Suede. *Don't Call it Soul*, a song which manages to sound simultaneously delicate and deranged, is something else again, and the monumental climax to the seven-minute-long *You Do* provides a fitting end both to the album and to a relationship that shook so hard that perhaps it had to shatter.

QUINCY JONES
Q's Jook Joint
(Qwest/Warner Bros 9362-45875)

PRODUCER, writer, arranger, musician and, at 62, the man with the biggest address book in the history of jazz and R & B, Quincy Jones has once again persuaded a galaxy of stars to take part in a musical odyssey that extends from urban soul and modern rap all the way back to big-band swing.

With a roster of 83 guest performers, including Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Queen Latifah, Coolio, Joshua Redman, Gloria Estefan, Ashford & Simpson, Chaka Khan, Barry White and token rock types Bono and Phil Collins, to name but a few, *Q's Jook Joint* is similar in style and scope to Jones's 1990 album *Back on the Block*.

While the sense of occasion and sheer class is palpable, the discipline required to marshall such a monumental cast of contributors into a coherent force inevitably means that an element of individuality is sucked out of the performances. From impeccably updated arrangements of show-band standards such as *Let the Good Times Roll* and *Do Nothin' till You Hear from Me* to a brand new song by R. Kelly (a typical after-midnight groove called *Heaven's Girl*) and the debut recording of 19-year-old Canadian soul prodigy Tamia, the album exudes a sophisticated aura of wellbeing, without ever quite breaking sweat.

JAH WOBBLE
Heaven & Earth
(Island 524 168)

TO ADAPT Samuel Johnson, when a man is tired of Wobble, he is tired of the world, or at least tired of hearing exotic shades of world music glued together by the undulating ebb and flow of Wobble's implacable post-reggae bass lines.

Although *Heaven & Earth* is rather less of a multicultural madhouse than last year's *Take Me to God*, Wobble shows no signs of weariness or of losing his finely tuned ear for unusual combinations that will work.

An instrumental album apart from two tracks, *Heaven & Earth* opens with a discourse between bamboo flute, African drums and what sounds like a Chinese banjo on the title track. More conventional but no less evocative is *Gone to Croatan*, featuring the eloquent soprano sax and flute of Pharoah Sanders.

Mystical in mood, but rhythmically anchored in the here and now, it is an imaginative album of unusual poise and a lazy, natural grace.

THE BEATLES
Anthology 1
(Apple/EMI 8 34445; 2 CDs)

AFTER the intoxicating hype surrounding the opening track, *Free as a Bird*, comes the sobering reality of a two-hour dig through another raft of substandard recordings and snippets of speech, similar in content and presentation to last year's immensely successful *Live at the BBC*.

Some of it is virtually unlistenable, and most superfluous to the great body of Beatles work that already exists. But rock archivists and Beatles completists will spend hours poring over the scrupulously annotated sleeve notes and pondering the dubious merits of the numerous rare demos, alternative takes and live recordings retrieved from some very dusty vaults.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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1	Robson & Jerome	Robson & Jerome (RCA)
2	(What's the Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
3	Anthology 1	Beatles (Apple)
4	Made in Heaven	Queen (Parlophone)
5	Something to Remember	Madonna (Maverick)
6	Life	Simply Red (East West)
7	Different Class	Pulp (Island)
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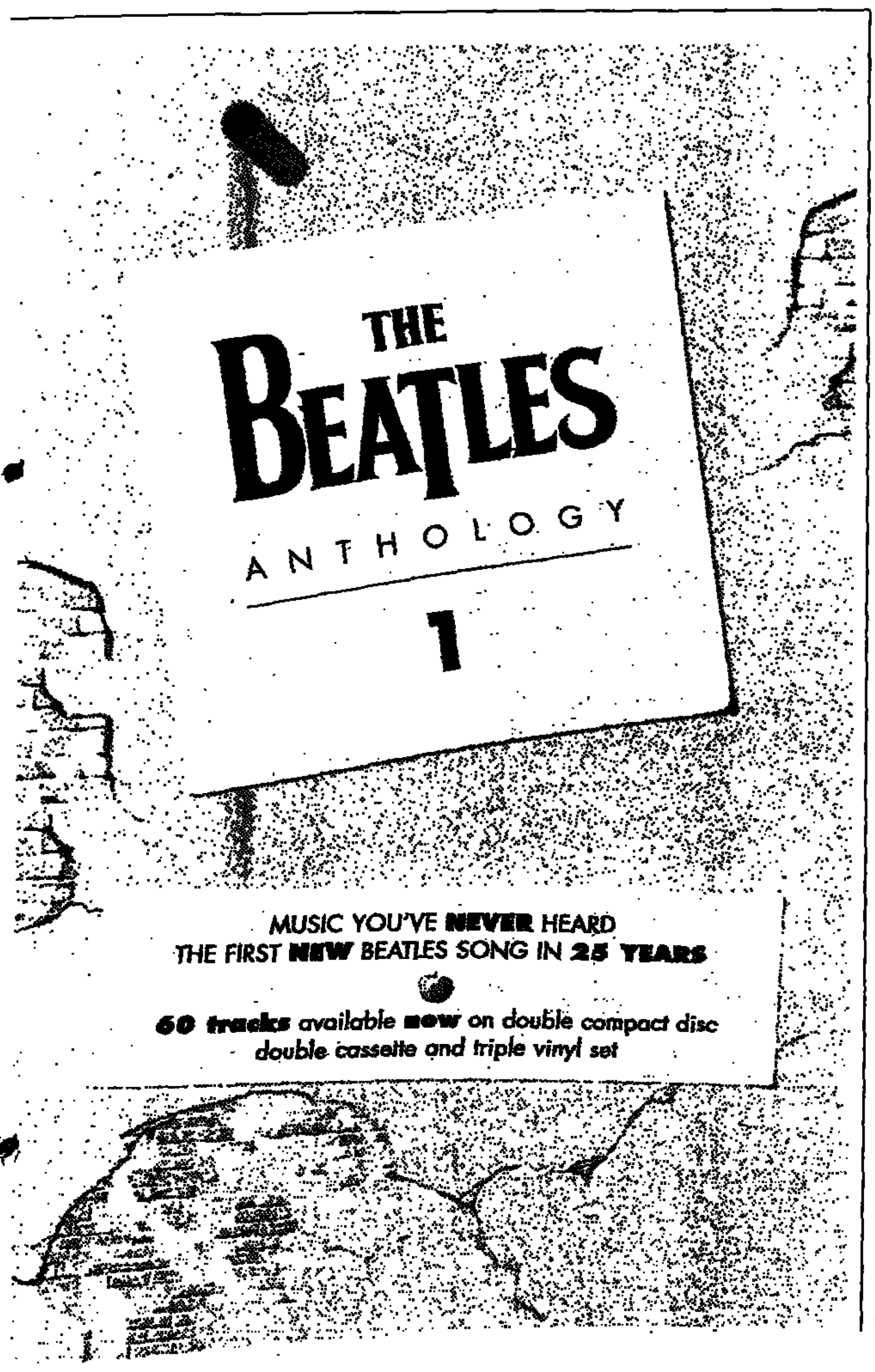

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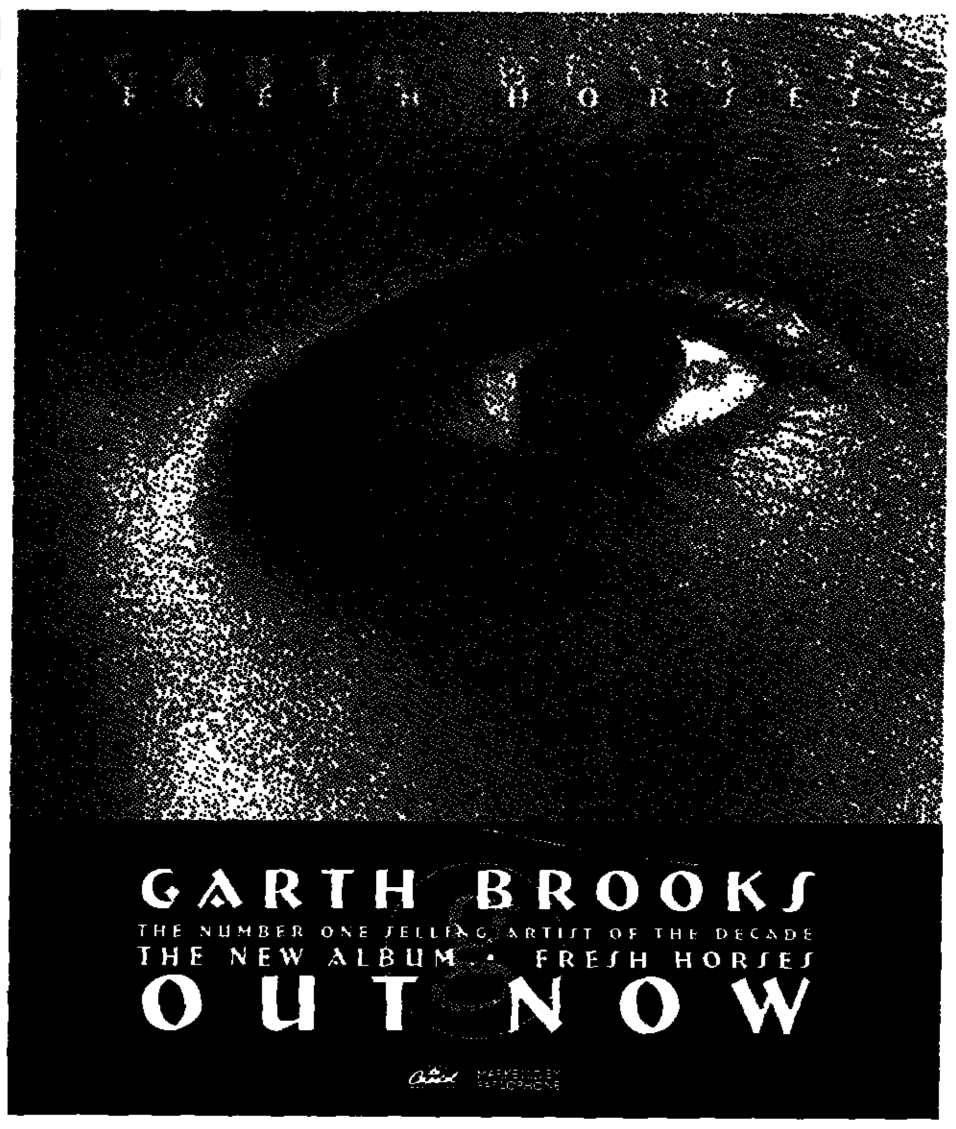

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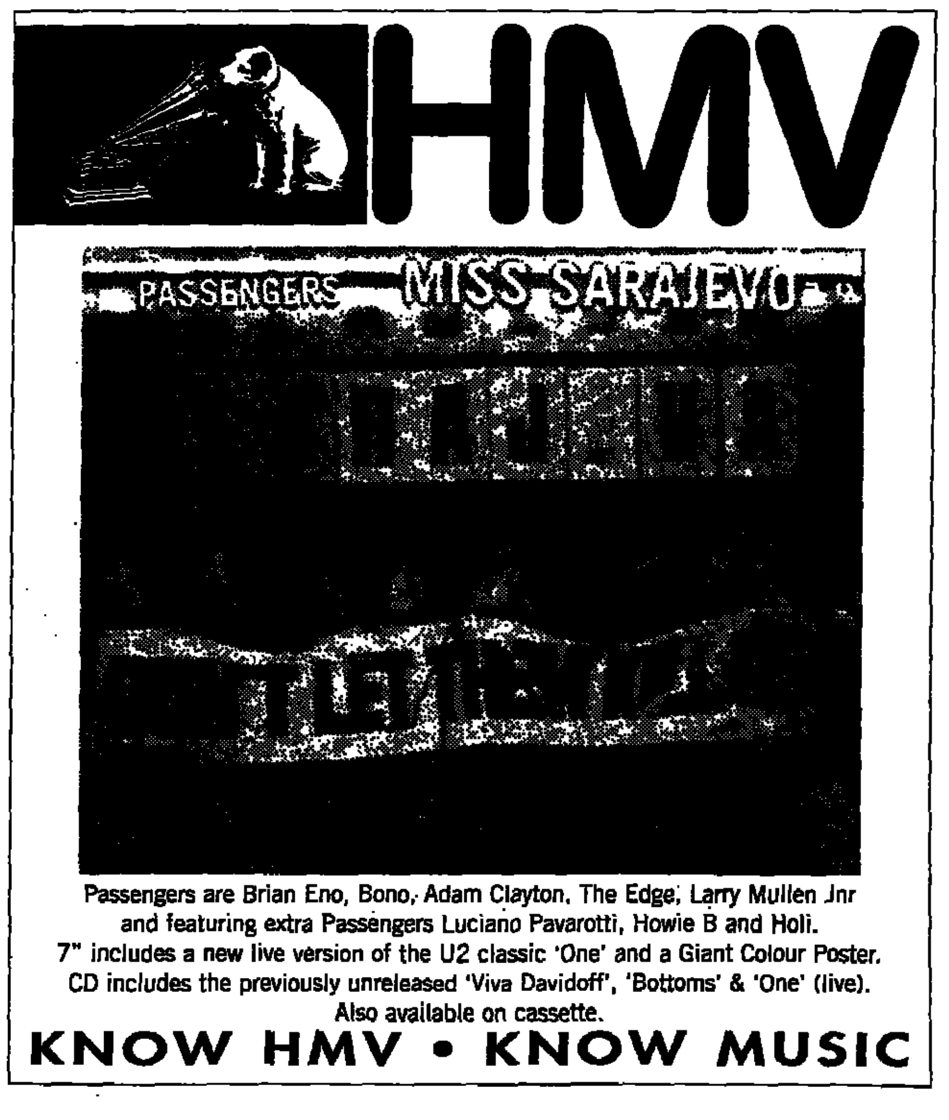

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Now that boys are falling behind at GCSE, it is time to find out why they are doing so badly, writes **Michael Barber**

Girls go to the top of the class

The publication of this year's league tables has rekindled the debate about the apparent supremacy of single sex girls' schools. The evidence of the tables gives the Girls' Schools Association cause to celebrate. Fifty-nine of the top 100 schools at GCSE in England are girls' schools.

No doubt these figures will reinforce a widely held view that a girls' school education would be better for daughters on academic grounds as well as social grounds.

A more general debate about whether overall single-sex education would be more successful than mixed provision may also resurface, because on the evidence of the league tables boys' schools, though less successful than girls' schools, are more successful than mixed schools. Only among comprehensive schools are mixed schools more successful than boys' schools.

These interpretations would, however, be flawed because they are not genuine comparisons of like with like. If we really want to know which types of schools are more effective, it would be necessary to control a range of background factors including previous achievement and social background.

Research which took such factors into account might still show girls' schools being more successful but the differences between girls', boys' and mixed schools would probably be much less stark and would be likely to be overshadowed by other factors including, for example, how effectively the school was managed.

The danger of a debate about types of schools is that it masks a much more important issue: the evidence at GCSE indicates powerfully that girls in general, whatever type of school they attend, are doing much better than boys.

Moreover, at every other level in compulsory schooling the evidence clearly shows girls outperforming boys. At age seven, for example, while 70 per cent of boys are average or above in reading, the equivalent figure among girls is 81 per cent. At the same age girls are also ahead in maths, though not to the same extent.

A generation ago it was thought that while girls on the whole were more successful in the 11-plus, boys came into their own in secondary education. The GCSE performance of girls over the past seven years has shown this view to be false. Girls now more than equal boys in the traditional male bastions of maths and science and far outperform them in all other subjects. In English, for example, girls are twice as likely to achieve a grade A and 65 per cent of girls are achieving grades A-C as opposed to 50 per cent of boys.

This is a social development that demands attention. A first response might justifiably be to celebrate. The equal opportunities policies adopted by schools, enthusiastically implemented by teachers and supported by government, appear to have worked.

A second reaction is to peer into the future. It is likely that the generation of girls who have passed through secondary education in recent years will break down still further the remaining male bastions in our society. The glass-ceiling, cracked already, is about to be shattered.

This is the triumphant good news. More worrying are the still very high levels of underachievement among a minority of girls and a much larger proportion of boys.

If we are to come anywhere near meeting the national educational and training targets — which envisage 85 per cent of young people by age 19 having five higher grade GCSEs or the equivalent by the end of the century — then it will be necessary to raise achievement for the 30-40 per cent at present significantly underachieving. Since this group includes a disproportionately large number of boys within it, it is likely to require a consideration of whether there are specific strategies necessary to raise boys' standards.

This, I think, will lead to an examination of two areas in particular. First, the learning of language and reading among boys is a major concern. Secondly, it is evident from Keele University's survey of pupil attitudes that part of the problem at secondary level is lack of motivation among boys.

There is a growing number of schools giving careful thought to the underachievement of boys. Now that the problem is clearly identified, the next step is to begin to research the strategies that appear to work in solving it.

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State Schools	GCSE[1]	A Level[2]
Comprehensive Boys	34.97 (119)[3]	12.57 (73)
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Non-comp Girls	82.05 (80)	18.67 (70)
Non-comp Mixed	40.15 (167)	13.42 (83)
Independents	**GCSE**	**A level**
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Girls	84.56 (263)	20.00 (215)
Mixed	64.44 (432)	17.03 (276)

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DES JENSON

Showing their skills: the evidence of exam results suggests that girls perform better at single-sex schools like these at Colchester County High

Daughters have the last word

These days parents don't make all the school choices. **David Charter** reports

The myth that parents force their offspring into single-sex education is challenged by a girls' school survey showing that daughters usually have the final say.

A survey of families new to independent education at senior level this September showed that the decision was left up to the prospective 11-year-old in six out of ten cases. A further 32 per cent of daughters were consulted, and only 4 per cent said they played no part at all in the choice.

The figures are disclosed in preliminary results of research for the Girls Public Day School Trust (GPDST), which runs 24 senior girls' independent schools in England.

The fact that the school was single-sex was not, however, the top reason for the girls' final decision. Half the girls cited the friendly atmosphere of the school as the main factor. Other significant reasons were: the school's academic record (top priority for a third of the girls); friends going there (17 per cent); family wish (17 per cent); given a scholarship or assisted place (15 per cent); and "I wanted a girls-only school" (10 per cent).

Tim Devlin, who conducted the survey and analysed the 1,000 responses, said: "A lot of prospective students are put off by unsympathetic entrance examination days." Mr Devlin said parents invariably compiled a shortlist of schools to discuss with their daughter. Parents had different priorities when choosing a school. From a list of 30 possible reasons, reputation was the most important for 39 per cent, followed by "responsible attitude to work" (14 per cent).

Around a quarter of all the parents surveyed themselves went to independent schools, with 68 per cent of mothers and 70 per cent of fathers attending single-sex schools.

Academic excellence was the main reason parents gave for considering single-sex girls' schools in the first place. Seven out of ten parents placed their daughter's chances of getting better examination results as a key factor in choosing single-sex education. Other leading reasons were: "Her academic or social needs would be best met" (mentioned by 60 per cent of parents); "she would gain more confidence" (56 per cent); and "boys distract girls at coeducational schools" (44 per cent).

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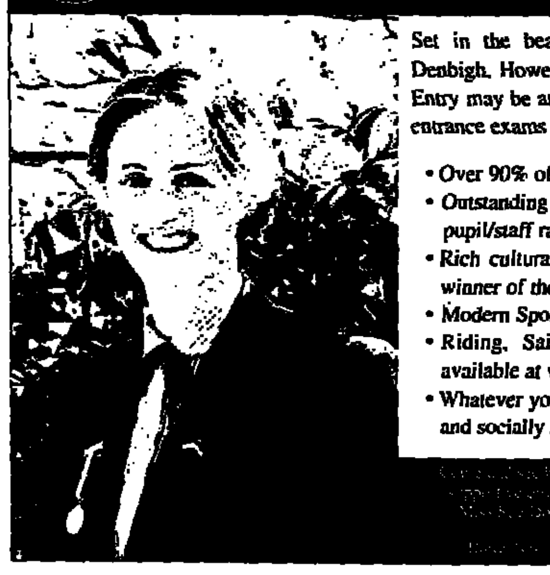

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Shephard: Why the tables are a success

John O'Leary on the Education Secretary's ideas for the future

Gillian Shephard is too experienced in state education to be starry-eyed about the realities of parental choice. In her own rural constituency and others like it, schools are too widely dispersed to give some families any option within the state system; in urban areas the most popular schools are often full.

But that does not dim the Education and Employment Secretary's enthusiasm for this week's school league tables. "The aim in the first place was to publish results to make the work of schools and colleges more transparent and help people to make choices. But it has become much more than that: it is about showing what the system can deliver."

Mrs Shephard says: "I think the tables play an enormously important part not just in choosing schools but in informing people about their performance generally. Even where parents cannot literally choose between schools, they are very conscious of their right to ask questions, and use the tables for that. They have created an atmosphere of expectation."

Criticisms of the tables have been taken on board in the last year, for example dropping the measurement of teaching time and accepting the independent schools' case for a new measure for GCSE which was not limited to 15-year-olds. But evolution is likely to be gradual under this Government, and recent calls for wholesale change are likely to go unheeded.

"I am quite prepared to listen to the arguments for change, but it will have to be a good case," Mrs Shephard says. "It would have been a mistake to make big changes before we had seen whether the exercise was useful and of interest. I don't think there's much doubt on those scores now, but it must be possible to make comparisons with previous years' results, and I do not want to use so many different measures that people need a trolley to take the tables away with them."

The next change to the English tables is likely to be the addition of GCSE results from previous years, following the practice already adopted in Scotland and Wales. Further ahead comes an assessment of the "value added" by secondary schools and colleges, and the likelihood of primary school tables once national curriculum testing has "bedded down".

In the meantime, ministers will be reacting to the pressure created by the tables by extending popular schools wherever possible. The constraints of next week's Budget may rule out a big capital programme on the lines once envisaged by Kenneth Clarke, as Education Secretary. But Mrs Shephard has recently approved a number of new sixth forms in grant-maintained schools and will move "as fast as I can" on other extensions.

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As well as "giving a fair wind" to proposals for more selection, Mrs Shephard will be encouraging a growing movement towards specialisation in state schools. "The demand from schools to become technology or language colleges is greater than we can hope to satisfy at the moment. I think it is fantastic that so many are willing to go the extra mile to increase the diversity of provision available to parents."

Ministers will be keeping out of the debate over single-sex versus coeducational schools, however. "It is a very difficult area and not one in which it would be appropriate for the Government to intervene," Mrs Shephard says. "I am attracted to single-sex schools for girls, but it appears that boys do better in mixed schools.

"Perhaps there are lessons for the internal organisation of mixed schools, which can use examination results to see if some subjects would be better taught in single-sex classes," she says.

Different strokes: Gillian Shephard wants to encourage the growing movement toward specialisation in schools

When rules put a limit on classroom expansion

David Charter on the problems facing oversubscribed schools

John Major's desire to expand popular schools will be of little comfort to the 40 families turned away in September from one of Britain's most improved comprehensives.

This week's league tables show Noadswood School in Dibden Purlieu, near Southampton, recorded the country's second highest improvement rate for students gaining five good GCSEs.

It is oversubscribed and yet Hampshire County Council cannot get Government approval to build extra classrooms on Noadswood's 15-acre site. Empty desks at two nearby grant-maintained schools, which achieved lower GCSE results, thwarted the council's bid for "basic need" funding last year, and look set to do the same this year.

Mr Major told *The Times* in August that he was looking at ways to make it easier for popular schools to grow: "If we are serious about improving standards we have also got to look at how to make it easier to close poor schools and expand popular schools."

A pilot programme is running in Wales, with £23 million in extra borrowing available for local authorities to add new buildings to oversubscribed schools. There were 160 bids but just 19 can be met this year.

Noadswood has done the difficult bit. It has raised standards from 50 per cent of pupils passing five GCSEs at grades A-C to 75 per cent. Parents in its corner of southwest Hampshire want the school to grow. But government rules stop money being spent while there is room at nearby schools.

Tony Barron, Liberal Democrat chairman of education in Hampshire, accuses the Funding Agency for Schools, the grant-maintained schools quango, of blocking Noadswood's expansion by not acting to remove an estimated 250 surplus places at nearby Applemore and Hardley GM schools. However, the FAS claims not to have received a "formal request" to remove surplus places.

John Major: schools plan

Philip Townsend, an FAS spokesman, said: "Hardley has a sixth form approved, which will open in September 1996, and any surplus places will be absorbed by sixth-form pupils. Applemore has a proposal for a sixth form being considered by the Secretary of State and, if approved, any surplus places would be absorbed by the sixth-formers."

John Samuels, Noadswood's head teacher, is steering clear of the broader political arguments. He is too busy setting targets and teaching the 900 pupils in his charge.

A key factor behind the improving GCSE performance, he believes, was to set each student a "challenging but realistic" grade to aim at as they embarked on their two-year course. His students also receive a basic progress report every eight weeks, seen by parents, which picks up problems and finds solutions.

If only the bureaucrats could agree on a way to plan school places so diligently.

Added value tells the whole story

Exam leagues fail to show how schools improve their students, says **Richard Evans**

It is surprising how quickly everyone seems to have accepted the examination league tables. Parents now peruse them, trying to decide what school their child should go to, while teachers look at them, hoping that their school will be showing some signs of improvement.

But how much are these tables really worth? Do they tell parents what they need to know, or are they misleading? On the surface, they have their uses. They provide accurate information about how schools are performing in exams, with details of the average number of GCSEs and A levels achieved by pupils, and the grades.

But is this what we need? If you had an average racehorse and were looking for a trainer, whom would you send it to? Someone who has a stable full of superb animals, and wins the most races, or someone who takes on the less able horses and coaxes above-average performances out of them?

Personally, I would go for the latter, because the trainer would be more likely to do my horse justice. The league tables we have now tell us which trainer (or school) gets the best results, but we have no way of knowing which is the best trainer. Parents using these tables to decide where to send their child are therefore choosing the school which is the most selective in its intake — because this will achieve the best results — rather than the one which will give their child the best chance.

It is easy to see why teachers become disheartened and dejected when you realise that these tables make no allowance for the hard work put in to help disadvantaged or less-able students. Certainly, some of the best results I have helped students to obtain would not look good on paper. My greatest achievement as a teacher was, in my opinion, with a pupil who was, at 11, unable to add up even the simplest of numbers. She was not talented, but we worked hard together for five years, and my satisfaction at seeing her get a grade C in GCSE mathematics was immense.

A colleague of mine, an English teacher, told me of her experience with a Kenyan child who did not speak any English. She was more overjoyed by his low-grade in GCSE English than she was by the nine students she taught who achieved a GCSE grade A, for she felt that her achievement here was so much greater.

The current league tables do not reflect this achievement, and thus could be considered unsatisfactory. Indeed, you might even wonder whether they are of any use at all. But that doesn't mean that we should be scrapping the whole idea. We need to create a new table — the VAT or value-added table. We need to find some way of demonstrating how much the school has *improved* its students. Some schools are producing their own value-added tables, but the Department for Education and Employment should be organising it.

Because we will want to know whether and by how much a school has improved academic development, it is important to test the children as they enter school and as they leave. All schools should be tested, so that an LEA-wide and country-wide comparison can be made. And this information must be as easily accessible as possible — not a long list of meaningless numbers. Too much information makes tables incomprehensible. Perhaps they should show the average grade of children over core curriculum subjects only; or a school could be graded according to the amount of "value" it has added to children in its care.

But the most important requirement in setting up these value-added tables is that they must not increase the workload of teachers, administrators or children. One way of doing this is to use the national curriculum tests, now largely accepted by schools. Their results could be used as a direct comparison across the country.

There will always be difficulties and dissenters but, with league tables already in place, let's finally give credit to teachers who work in adverse conditions, and to children who struggle against the odds to achieve amazing results.

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Selection bounces back

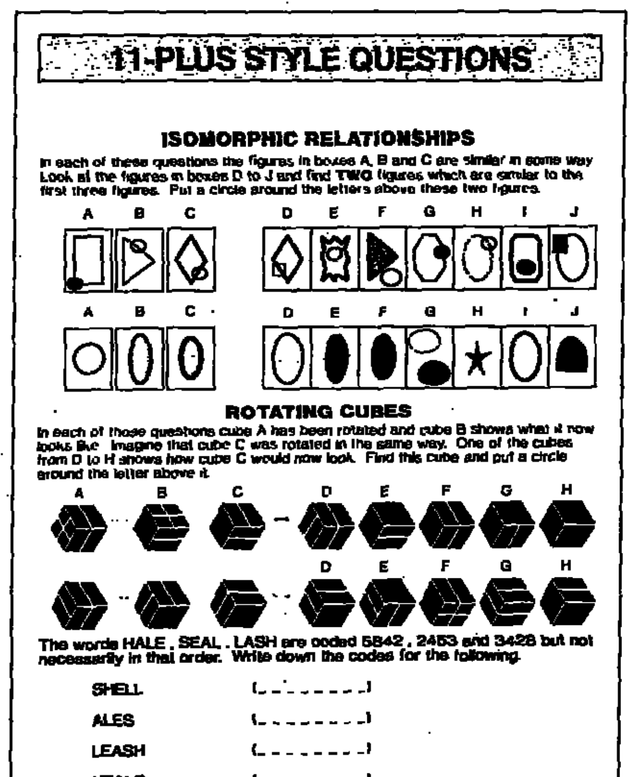
The comprehensive school may dominate state education, but a steady trickle back to selection has been gathering pace in the last year. Growing numbers of schools are taking the opportunity to select part of their intake, either on academic grounds or in specialist areas.

Selection never went away in a surprisingly large swath of England. Parts of Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kent and Lincolnshire defied the last Labour Government's orders to reorganise their schools on comprehensive lines. Trafford's grammar schools consistently outscore most of their rivals in the North of England; those in Kingston and Redbridge do the same in London.

Some 160 grammar schools have survived, more than half as grant-maintained schools. They cater for more than 123,000 pupils, and Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is promising a "fair wind" to future proposals.

Just such a proposal is being developed in Milton Keynes to bring the area into line with the rest of Buckinghamshire, but the trend elsewhere is towards partial selection. This allows schools to avoid the bureaucracy involved in a formal change of character and to control the range of abilities within a comprehensive framework.

Only two schools have become fully selective on academic ability in the last 20 years: Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, in Penrith, Cumbria, and Queen Elizabeth Boys School, in Barnet, north London. But more than 50 GM schools have applied for partial selection, either on academic ability or aptitude for a specialist subject.



11-PLUS STYLE QUESTIONS

ISOMORPHIC RELATIONSHIPS

In each of these questions the figures in boxes A, B and C are similar in some way. Look at the figures in boxes D to J and find TWO figures which are similar to the first three figures. Put a circle around the letters above these two figures.

ROTATING CUBES

In each of these questions cube A has been rotated and cube B shows what it now looks like. Imagine that cube C was rotated in the same way. One of the cubes from D to H shows how cube C would now look. Find this cube and put a circle around the letter above it.

The words HALE, SEAL, LASH are coded 5842, 2453 and 3428 but not necessarily in that order. Write down the codes for the following.

SHELL (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
ALES (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
LEASH (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
HEALS (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)

Work out the following letter sums using the above letter values.

(A × E) ÷ L = (_ _) Write the answer as a *number*.
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John Major has promised grant-maintained schools "substantial expansion of the freedom to make sensible choices between pupils". Those embracing selection are interviewing pupils and either introducing their own entrance examinations or using traditional 11-plus tests.

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House of Lords

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Court of Appeal

Occupancy of business premises

Graysim Holdings Ltd v P & O Property Holdings Ltd

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Speeches November 23]

The word "occupied" in Part II of the Landord and Tenant Act 1954 pointed to some business activity by the tenant on the property and carried a connotation of some physical use of the property by the tenant for his business.

In respect of the grant of a new tenancy of business premises, section 23(1) of that Act made Part II applicable to a tenancy where the demised property was, or included, premises occupied by the tenant and were so occupied for the purposes of a business carried on by him.

Section 32(1) provided for the grant of a new tenancy of the holding which did not necessarily include all the property in the business tenancy because section 23(3) defined "the holding" as all the property comprised in the business tenancy except any part not occupied by the tenant or his employees. Thus, the business property not occupied by the tenant was not property in respect of which the tenant was entitled to obtain a new tenancy or to recover compensation.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the landlord, P & O Property Holdings Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Sir John May) (*The Times* March 2, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 992) who had allowed an appeal by the tenant, Graysim Holdings Ltd, from a decision dated July 28, 1992 of Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in the Chancery Division ([1993] 1 EG LR 96).

P & O served a notice on Graysim under Part II of the 1954 Act to terminate Graysim's tenancy under a 21-year lease of business premises at Unit 30, Liscard Shopping Centre, Wallasey, Merseyside. Graysim served a counter-notice stating that it was unwilling to give up possession and took out an originating summons seeking a new tenancy.

On November 12, 1991 Master Cholmondeley Clarke ordered preliminary issues to be tried, namely: (i) whether Graysim's tenancy was protected by Part II of the Act and continued under the Act; (ii) what, in relation to Graysim's tenancy, was the extent of "the holding", as defined by section 23(3) of the Act and (iii) whether Graysim was entitled to a new tenancy of the premises or P & O might oppose Graysim's application under section 30(1)(f) of the Act.

The deputy judge had decided that Graysim was not entitled to apply to the court for the grant of a new tenancy and Graysim appealed

The Court of Appeal had decided: (a) Graysim occupied the whole of the premises for the purposes of its business; (b) its tenancy was therefore protected by the Act and (c) the holding consisted of the entire premises.

Graysim had fitted the premises out with 35 individual stalls. Each stall had a roller blind which could be operated to secure the stall with a padlock. Stallholders were provided with facilities and services by Graysim. A superintendent was present at the market during trading hours.

Each stallholder had a written agreement with Graysim and paid a weekly charge and service charge for his stall. The stallholders had no right of access to the market outside normal shopping hours.

Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Nicholas Harrison for P & O; Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Patrick Powell for Graysim.

LORD NICHOLLS said that Part II of the 1954 Act applied to any tenancy where the demised property was, or included, premises "which are occupied by the tenant and are so occupied for the purposes of a business carried on by him..." (section 23(1)). "Business" was given a very wide meaning.

The property comprised in the new tenancy, however, would not necessarily include all the property comprised in the business tenancy. The tenant was entitled only to a new tenancy of "the holding" (section 32(1)). "The holding" meant, in short, all the property comprised in the business tenancy except any part not "occupied" by the tenant or his employees (section 23(3)).

Although a business tenancy could include property not occupied by the tenant, property not occupied by him or his employees was excluded from the holding and, accordingly, it was not property in respect of which the tenant was entitled to obtain a new tenancy or to recover compensation.

A feature central to the statutory structure was the requirement that the property must be "occupied" by the tenant. Section 23(1) employed the expressions "occupied" and "occupied for the purposes of a business carried on by him" to identify whether a tenancy was a business tenancy and whether the property was part of the holding and qualified for inclusion in the grant of a new tenancy.

In that context "occupied" pointed to some business activity by the tenant on the property in question. The 1954 Act sought to protect the tenant in his continuing use of the property for the purposes of that activity. Thus the word carried a connotation of some physical use of the property by the tenant for the purposes of his business.

Although there were no hard and fast rules about occupation, there was one question of principle which called for decision: whether it was possible for a landlord and tenant both to occupy the same property for the purposes of Part II of the Act at the same time.

The definition of the holding in section 23(3) excluded property not occupied by the tenant. That suggested that property which was occupied by someone other than the tenant would be excluded from the tenant's holding.

One would not expect to find that two persons, other than persons acting jointly, could each be in occupation of the same property for that purpose. His Lordship was unable to agree with the decisions in *Lee-Verhulst (Investments) Ltd v Harwood Trust* ([1973] QB 204) and *William Boyer & Sons Ltd v Adams* ((1975) 32 P & CR 89).

What would be the position where the tenant's business involved parting with occupation of the main parts of the premises?

Assume the tenant carried on a business of letting office accommodation. He acquired the tenancy of a building, sublet all the space usable as offices and retained only the common parts and the service accommodation. The tenant remained in occupation of those retained parts of the building for the purposes of his business.

In *Bagettes Ltd v GP Estates Ltd* ([1956] Ch 290) the Court of Appeal held that it was implicit in the statutory provisions that the business for the purposes of which a tenant occupied premises of which he claimed a new tenancy must not be of such a character that it was necessarily brought to an end by the very process of the ascertainment of the holding and the ordering and granting of a new tenancy of the holding as ascertained, with the result that the tenant was presented with a holding which, although occupied by him, was not so occupied for the purposes of any business.

When the court made an order for the grant of a new tenancy, the holding was to be identified by reference to the circumstances existing at the date of the order (section 32(1)).

If at that date, because of the exclusion of the sublet accommodation from the holding, the tenant could no longer carry on any business on the retained parts, it must follow that there had ceased to be a holding for the statutory purposes. Section 23 envisaged that the holding of which the tenant remained in occupation would be occupied by him for the purposes of his business.

Applying those principles to the instant case the conclusion followed ineluctably from the facts:

1 That the business conducted by Graysim on the retained parts consisted of making accommodation and facilities available to the traders in return for rents for use of the stalls and

2 That when the reversion to the stalls vested in P & O, Graysim would no longer receive any rents. Thenceforth the traders would pay their rent to P & O, not Graysim.

In order to carry on its business of running the market Graysim needed both the reversion to the traders' tenancies and the retained parts of the market. The latter, by themselves, were useless to Graysim. Once the reversions went, their business in the market had gone.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Carter Lemon; A. Banks & Co.

Contract between ABTA and client

Bowerman and Another v Association of British Travel Agents Ltd

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment November 21]

There was a direct contractual relationship between a customer of a failed ABTA tour operator and ABTA themselves under their well known scheme of protection against such failure.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority, Lord Justice Hirst dissenting, in allowing an appeal by Miss Emma Bowerman and Mr Stephen Wallace from the dismisal by Mr Justice Mitchell on March 11, 1994 of their claim for reimbursement of £10 holiday insurance deducted from a claim paid by ABTA in respect of a holiday cancelled through the insolvency of the operator.

Mr Edward Bailey for the appellants; Miss Catharine Otton-Goulder for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that Miss Bowerman was a pupil who had booked a skiing holiday and Mr Wallace was the teacher who had made the actual booking.

The arrangements had to be cancelled owing to the insolvency of the ABTA tour operator and in making a reimbursement ABTA had deducted the sum of £10 in respect of holiday insurance and that sum formed the subject matter of the appeal, which turned entirely on the construction of a notice which each ABTA tour operator was required to display prominently in its office.

The appellants' case was that that notice constituted a contractual offer to the public at large to protect them financially in the various contingencies there specified and that each customer accepted that offer when he booked his holiday with the relevant ABTA agent.

Strong reliance was placed on *Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company* ([1893] 1 QB 256), where the Court of Appeal had held that an advertisement by the defendants, who were the proprietors and vendors of a medical preparation, constituted an offer to anybody who accepted it by performing the conditions named in the advertisement.

It was submitted that that was comparable with the ABTA notice and his Lordship accepted that if the words of that notice were truly promissory in character it would be capable of constituting a contractual offer to the public in general.

First, it was essential to give full weight to the main heading to which his Lordship attached great importance, namely: "Notice describing ABTA's scheme of protection against the financial failure of ABTA's members".

That was an accurate epitome of the terms of the notice as a whole, which was descriptive rather than contractual in character. Nowhere in the first five paragraphs was there found any specific words of promise or any firm commitment and nothing in the last four paragraphs headed "Limitation" pointed in a different direction.

By contrast the crisp wording of the advertisement in the *Carlill* case, "£100 reward will be paid", was essentially promissory in character and highlighted the shortcomings, from the appellants' point of view, of the wording in the ABTA notice.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that in the end the case depended, as with so many questions involving construction of a document, upon impression: in this instance an impression gained by the court at one remove through the eyes of the hypothetical member of the public.

The issue was not an easy one, as evidenced by the fact that Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Hobhouse had each reached different conclusions on it for persuasive reasons.

His Lordship's own view was that the notice, notwithstanding the bewildering miscellany it contained of information, promise, disclaimer and reassurance, would be understood by the ordinary member of the public as importing an intention to create legal relations with customers of ABTA members.

The words that were crucial to the present case: "Where holidays or other travel arrangements have not yet commenced at the time of failure. ABTA arranges for you to be reimbursed the money you have paid in respect of your holiday arrangements" would be understood by the ordinary reader as words of clear promise which did not lose their significance or their promissory character through being associated in the same context with words connoting a lesser degree of commitment.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the document was intended to be read and would reasonably be read by a member of the public as containing an offer of a promise which the customer was entitled to accept by choosing to do business with an ABTA member.

A member of the public would not analyse his situation in legal terms but he would clearly understand that the notice would only apply to him if he should choose to do business with an ABTA member and he would also understand that if he did so he would be entitled to hold ABTA to what he understood ABTA to be promising.

In his Lordship's judgment it satisfied the criteria for a unilateral contract and contained promises which were sufficiently clear to be capable of legal enforcement. The principles established in the *Carbolic Smoke Ball* case applied. The plaintiffs were entitled to enforce the right of reimbursement given to them in the notice.

That conclusion also covered the question of the intention to create legal relations. The document as reasonably read by a member of the public would be taken to be an offer of a legally enforceable promise.

Given that that was the effect of the document which ABTA had chosen to publish, it did not advance ABTA's case to say that ABTA privately did not intend to expose themselves to any legal liability. It sufficed that ABTA intentionally published a document which had that effect.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Mason Bond, Leeds; Bignalls.

Victim's earlier sex abuse is no mitigation

Regina v D

Attorney General's Reference (No 36 of 1995)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kay and Mr Justice Brian Smedley.

[Judgment November 20]

The mere fact that a young victim of a sexual assault had been sexually abused previously was not a matter of mitigation the Court of Appeal stated, when raising from three to five years imprisonment on an Attorney-General's reference a sentence that had been passed on a man aged 36 on his plea of guilty to sexual offences against his niece, aged 11.

The sentence had been passed by Judge Myerson, QC, at Leeds Crown Court, when the offender at trial, on an indictment containing *nine counts* of sexual offences committed on his niece, pleaded guilty to indecent assault, rape, indecent assault and indecency with a child, between April and August 1994, in respect of which he was sentenced respectively to one, three, three and one years imprisonment concurrent.

The victim, who had been examined at St James's Hospital in 1994, had findings consistent with anal and vaginal penetration. Similar findings had been noted in medical examinations in 1987 and 1992, following earlier discoveries that she had been the victim of sexual abuse.

Mr William Boyce for the Attorney-General; Mr Geoffrey Marson for the offender.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court said that one of the principal reasons for granting a substantial discount for an early plea of guilty in sexual cases was that, an early plea of guilt indicated that the victim would be saved not only from the ordeal of having to give evidence but also from the ordeal of going through months of suspense prior to appearing and of apprehending what would happen when she did have to give evidence.

In the present case the victim had been spared from giving evidence but had been kept in suspense for months right up to the day of the hearing.

The offender claimed that he was entitled also to put in the scales in his favour that he had no previous conviction and that no force had been used in carrying out the offences.

The judge, in passing sentence, had said that the fact that the victim had been previously corrupted was a matter which he was entitled to take into account in reduction of sentence.

Their Lordships did not agree. They considered that a young person who had been sexually abused was the more in need of sensitive and proper treatment by adults subsequently.

The mere fact that the victim had been abused on a previous occasion in no way reduced, indeed might increase, the gravity of further offending by an adult thereafter. It was unlikely that the offender in the present case could have been unaware of the previous trouble with his niece.

Another aspect did have an effect in mitigation. If, by reason of being corrupted or precocious, or both, the victim instigated offences against herself, that was an aspect which the judge was entitled to take into account.

It was, really, only a proper matter of mitigation in a negative sense, namely, that the child was not being treated in a way she was personally resisting or found repugnant at the time. It did not, however, redound to the credit of the offender that he succumbed to provocation or teasing or tempting from a girl of 11.

The central point to the sentencing exercise in such cases was that young girls were to be protected from themselves as much as from anybody else. If a girl was precocious or, for whatever reason, provocative the adult had a duty not to succumb but to dissuade the child from that kind of conduct.

The facts of the impact on the victim and that the families of both the victim and of the offender were supportive of him were matters properly to be taken into consideration by the sentencing judge and their Lordships. However, the court had to send the message out clearly that such conduct called for condign punishment.

The experienced judge had allowed too much by way of discount and, in the result the sentence of three years would be quashed and one totalling five years substituted.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; John Howe & Co, Pudsey.

Jury's £50,000 damages award for rape upheld

Griffiths v Williams

Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment November 21]

The circumstances and consequences of rape placed it in a quite different category from personal injury cases in general and an award by a jury of £50,000 damages was not so excessive as to justify interference.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Charles Arthur Williams, against the decision at Truro County Court (Judge Thompson, QC and a jury) on April 12 that he was liable to pay the plaintiff £50,000 damages for rape.

Mr Jonathan Marks, QC, for the defendant; Mr Paul McCormick for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the defendant had relied on *W v Meah* ([1986] 1 All ER 935) in which two victims of sexual attacks had been awarded the equivalent in today's terms of £15,000 and £10,000 for much more serious incidents.

In that case Mr Justice Woolf said that the damages had to bear a proper relationship to the awards made in more conventional personal injury cases.

In his Lordship's judgment, the circumstances and consequences of rape placed it in a quite different category from personal injury cases in general. Attitudes to rape had changed in the decade since *W v Meah*. The penalties passed by the criminal courts had increased and rape within marriage had become a criminal offence.

It was possible that his Lordship would not have awarded the plaintiff £50,000 damages, but it was impossible to say that such an award was out of all proportion to what was appropriate.

Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Thorpe gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: E. David Brain & Co, St Austell; Preston Goldburn, Falmouth.

Sale of milk quota fails to attract tax relief

Wase (Inspector of Taxes) v Bourke

Before Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC

[Judgment November 22]

Following the cessation of his dairy farming business, the sale by a farmer of his milk quota some months after the sale of his dairy herd did not attract retirement relief from capital gains tax.

The disposal of the quota was simply the disposal of an asset that had been used in the dairy farming business and was not a disposal of either the whole or a part of that business for the purposes of section 69 of the Finance Act 1985.

Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination by Lowestoft general commissioners that had upheld an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr R. Bourke, against a capital gains tax assessment for 1988-89 on chargeable gains of £54,280.

Section 69 of the 1985 Act provides:

"(1) Relief from capital gains tax shall be given, subject to and in accordance with Schedule 20 to this Act, in any case where a material disposal of business assets is made by an individual who, at the time of the disposal — (a) has attained the age of 60...

"(2) ... a disposal of business assets is — (a) a disposal of the whole or part of a business..."

Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr John Walters for the taxpayer.

HIS LORDSHIP said that after a lifetime in the business the taxpayer had decided to give up dairy farming and in March 1988 sold his entire dairy herd. In February 1989 the taxpayer, by then aged 60, sold his milk quota for £54,280.

It was common ground that (i) the dairy business ceased to be carried on when the herd was sold and (ii) the case was a section 69(2)(a) case only, subsection (2)(b) having no application to the facts. The question was whether the disposal by the taxpayer of his milk quota was "a disposal of the whole or part of a business".

The correct approach to the legislation was stated by Mr Justice Peter Gibson in *Atkinson v Dancer* ((1988) 61 TC 598, 607): "If relief is to be obtained, the taxpayer must show that there is an affirmative answer to the question, 'Has there been a disposal by a sale of the business or a part of the business?' ...

"A business is, in ordinary language, not the same as an asset used in the business ... a distinction is drawn between a business and chargeable business assets used for the purpose of the business".

And the judge added (at p609): "Where there are two separate disposals not part of the same transaction, I cannot see anything in ... the legislation in general which allows or requires such disposals to be treated as one. They are two separate disposals ... they must be treated separately."

In *Jarmin v Rawlings* (*The Times* December 13, 1994; [1994] STC 1005) Mr Justice Knox decided that the taxpayer, a dairy farmer, was entitled to have simultaneous disposals taken together for the purpose of assessing whether or not a particular disposal could be categorised as a sale of part of the business.

In that case the sale of farm buildings and yard in October 1988 followed by the gradual sale of his cattle was held to amount to a disposal of the dairy farming business.

Applying the principles adduced from those authorities the commissioners had erred in failing to ask whether the disposal of his milk quota by the taxpayer amounted to a disposal of the whole or part of his business.

Had they asked themselves that question, they would have concluded that it was simply the disposal of an asset which had formerly been used in or was part of the dairy farming business but that it was not, by itself, the disposal of either the whole or part of that business.

The relevant business activity consisted of the production and sale of milk. That activity ceased on the disposal in March 1988 of the herd. The subsequent disposal of another asset did not amount to a disposal of part of the business.

The relevant disposal in the instant case clearly fell on what could be called the *Atkinson* side of the line. Nor did the sale of the quota satisfy the "simultaneous disposals" test identified in the *Jarmin* case.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Cross Ram & Co, Halesworth.

Power of court to judge on earlier judgment

E. D. & F. Man (Sugar) Ltd v Haryanto

Before Mr Justice Longmore

[Judgment September 19]

The court had a discretion whether it was appropriate to give judgment in an action brought on an earlier judgment of a judge of co-ordinate jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Longmore so held when giving summary judgment in chambers for the plaintiff, E. D. & F. Man (Sugar) Ltd, in an action to enforce a judgment of Mr Justice Hobhouse given on November 17, 1989 which itself gave leave to enforce an award of an arbitrator against the defendant, Mr Yani Haryanto. The judge gave leave for publication of the judgment.

Mr Richard Hacker for the plaintiff; Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Ali Malek for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE LONGMORE said that jurisdiction did exist for the court to give a second judgment by way of enforcement of the first judgment: see for example, *Nouvion v Freeman* ((1890) 15 App Cas 1, 8) and *Shaw v Allen* ((1914) 30 TLR 631).

There was in fact no precedent for bringing an action on an English judgment for the purposes of, as in the instant case, alleviating the effect of the six-year time limit for suing on a judgment imposed by section 24 of the Limitation Act 1980 but the wording of the statute did not envisage that no such action could be brought and indeed implied that an action brought before the expiry of six years from the judgment was well founded.

There being jurisdiction, it seemed to his Lordship that the plaintiffs were not entitled to bring their action as of right. The court had a discretion as to whether or not it was appropriate to give judgment in a case which brought an action on an earlier judgment of a judge of co-ordinate jurisdiction.

It was settled law that such an action would be an abuse of the process of the court if the ordinary processes of execution were available: see *Pritchett v English and Colonial Syndicate* ([1899] 2 QB 428). It followed that there had to be a discretion in the court as to whether to give judgment.

In exercising that discretion in the instant case the main fact was that the judgment had been outstanding for nearly six years. The defendant had not honoured that judgment as an English court would expect him to have done and, despite all the best efforts of the plaintiffs, only a small amount had been recovered of the very considerable judgment sum.

It was clear not merely that the defendant had assets which he was using in instructing lawyers in countries other than England but that he was doing all that he possibly could to avoid payment of the award and the English judgment.

In all the circumstances the discretion should be exercised to enforce the original judgment and it was appropriate to do so by way of summary procedure since the court had heard full argument and it was difficult to see what further evidence there could be.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Rosling King.

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Department can set off bankrupt's debt against income support

Mulvey v Secretary of State for Social Security

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Clyde.

[Judgment October 25]

Since upon an individual's bankruptcy, any right of his to receive income support did not vest in his trustee, the general rule that a creditor of a bankrupt could not plead a debt owed by him to the bankrupt, that had been constituted prior to the sequestration, in compensation of a debt owed by the creditor the bankrupt arising after the sequestration, did not apply to prohibit the Department of Social Security from setting off an obligation of the bankrupt's to repay a social fund loan that predated his sequestration against his right, after his sequestration, to receive income support, because the reason for the general rule was to prevent a creditor from pleading compensation of debts against the trustee to the prejudice of the general body of creditors.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, in a petition for judicial review brought by Miss Rena Mulvey, allowing a reclaiming motion by the Secretary of State for Social Security against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary pronouncing decree of declarator that, in deducting from income support payable to the petitioner after her sequestration sum in repayment of loans made from the social fund prior to her sequestration, the secretary of state had erred in law and acted ultra vires, and dismissing the petition.

The Compensation Act 1592 provides, inter alia: "Ony debt de liquido ad liquidum instantlie verifiet by wreit or aith of the partie befoir the geving of decreit be admittit be all Jugis within this realme by way of exceptioun."

Section 78 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 provides: "(1) A social fund award which is repayable shall be recoverable by the secretary of state.

"(2) Without prejudice to any other method of recovery, the secretary of state may recover an award by deduction from prescribed benefits."

Section 187 provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every assignment of or charge on —... (*b*) any income-related benefit; ... and every agreement to assign or charge such benefit shall be void; and, on the bankruptcy of a beneficiary, such benefit shall not pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of his creditors."

Mr Matthew Clarke, QC and Mr Gordon Liddle for the secretary of state; Mr Jonathon Mitchell, QC and Mr Andrew Webster for Miss Mulvey.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that the petitioner had for some time been entitled to income support. Her estate had then been sequestrated under the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985.

She sought declarator that the secretary of state was not entitled to recover by deduction from income support payable to her after the date of the sequestration any amount of loans from the social fund made to her prior to her sequestration and outstanding at that date.

Section 139(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 provided that a social fund officer could determine that an award under section 138(1)(*b*) was to be repayable.

Section 139(4) provided that an award that was to be repayable should be repayable on such terms and conditions as before the award was paid the secretary of state notified to the person by or on behalf of whom the application for it was made.

Income support had been prescribed for the purposes of section 78(2) by regulation 3(*a*) of the Social Fund (Recovery by Deductions from Benefits) Regulations (SI 1988 No 35) and was an income-related benefit in terms of section 191 of the Social Security Administration Act.

The position in which the petitioner found herself therefore was that, while her whole estate vested in her permanent trustee, she continued to be entitled to income support which was payable to her and not to the trustee.

Her contention that section 78 did not entitled the respondent to recover a repayable social fund award which had been made to her prior to the date of her sequestration from any income support payable to her after that date, was based upon the propositions that it was a general rule of the common law in bankruptcy that a creditor was not entitled to retain from the bankrupt after the date of the sequestration sums in compensation, for or set off against sums due by the bankrupt prior to the date of sequestration, and that there was nothing in the social security legislation to displace that rule.

As his Lordship saw it, the true issue was whether the rule on which the petitioner relied could have any application at all to the respondent's right under section 78(2) to make deductions from income-related benefits which were declared by section 187(1) not to pass to a trustee in bankruptcy.

His Lordship did not see the issue as one of statutory construction, since the terms in which sections 78(2) and 187(1) were expressed were clear and unambiguous.

Unlike section 99(2), there was in section 78(2) no exclusion of any of the rules relating to bankruptcy.

In respect of section 187(1), the Lord Ordinary had said that the exclusion of one of those rules, to the effect that the petitioner's income support was inalienable, but in his Lordship's opinion it provided the key to a proper understanding of the issue.

It was necessary to look more closely at the rule on which the petitioner relied. The proper context for its application was the relationship between the trustee and the creditor seeking to exercise the set-off.

"The concourse of debit and credit must have existed antecedent to the date of bankruptcy. Thus, against a debt which becomes due to the trustee on a bankrupt estate after the date of the bankruptcy, it is not competent to plead compensation in respect of a claim against the bankrupt which existed prior to that date.

This rule is based on sound principles of equity and expediency — one of the main considerations being to prevent persons indebted to the estate purchasing up claims at a low figure and then pleading set-off, to the serious detriment of the general body of creditors": see Goudy *Bankruptcy* (4th edition (1914) pp554-555).

The context in which the rule had thus been applied was where the trustee was seeking to enforce a debt due to the estate on behalf of the general body of creditors.

In his Lordship's opinion the rule had no application to the relationship between the petitioner and the respondent. The right to receive income support after the date of sequestration did not pass to the trustee with the rest of the petitioner's estate.

It was only when it had been converted into income in her hands upon having been paid to her that it was subject to the trustee's right to apply for any excess over the amount required for her aliment and her relevant obligations to be paid to him on behalf of the creditors: see *In re Garrett* ([1930] 2 Ch 137); *Macdonald's Tr v Macdonald* (1938 SC 536). The respondent was not seeking therefore to exercise a right of set-off in a question with the trustee.

What he had been doing could not properly be described, in those circumstances, as obtaining an unfair preference to the prejudice of the general body of creditors, as had been suggested by the Lord Ordinary.

He was doing no more than exercising a right given to him by section 78(2).

It would be contrary to the scheme provided by the social security Acts, and to the provisions of section 187(1) of the Social Security Administration Act in particular, if repayable awards made out of the social fund to persons in receipt of prescribed benefits were to cease to be repayable in full so as to enable the trustee to obtain a benefit for the general body of that person's creditors.

Lord Allanbridge agreed with the Lord President and Lord Clyde delivered a concurring opinion.

Law agents: Solicitor to Secretary of State for Scotland; Erskine MacAskill & Co.

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Leading teams draw on experience on first day of final

Past winners rise to challenge

FROM MEL WEBB
IN LA MANGA, SPAIN

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Neil Cooper, of Data Connection, gets out of a bunker on the 8th hole yesterday. His team is in third place

THEY had trod this path before, and they knew the way. It was with almost stunning inevitability that the first day of the third national final of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge yesterday was dominated by the two most successful teams in the short history of the competition.

The opening 18 holes of the final, played under a mixture of sunshine and cloud, and with a capricious wind doing its damnedest to make life difficult, swiftly resolved themselves into a tussle between Prebon Yamane, the winners last year, and Hall and Coaker, who were triumphant in the first year of the competition in 1993.

THE TIMES MeesPierson CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

Three men in each of the teams were making a return to the South Course here, and the experience that they had garnered in their first visits gave them a vital edge as all 40 players in this final were put under the severest pressure.

The day ended with Prebon Yamane, a City-based firm of money-brokers, leading on 86 Stableford points, with Hall and Coaker, building contractors and developers from Sussex, three points behind. With their nearest rivals, Data Connection, eight points off the lead, things are not quite yet cut and dried, but it will nonetheless be something of a surprise if victory does not go to one of the two leading protagonists today.

The way that these two teams go about their golfing business is proof, as though it were needed, that there is more than one way to leave from the same point and arrive at the same destination.

Prebon impress with their cool-as-a-cucumber approach: here is the objective, this is the best way to go about it. Hall and Coaker, on the other hand, performed in the same manner that served them so well in 1993: this game, and this occasion, are for enjoyment, so enjoy it we will.

Duncan Holdsworth, the Prebon captain, Brian Thistlethwaite and Bob Lough were their team's course and distance winners, but the steadiness and accuracy of Mark Turner, a young five-handicapper, was central to their performance.

Of their opponents, Andy Coaker, Danny Hall and Andy McClelland had had a previous taste of the South Course, but again there was an important role for the fourth man. Michael Stobbart, who, judging by his performance, is not going to be playing off 12 for long. For him, single figures beckon.

Prebon made what they considered a less than satisfactory start, but they still reached the turn with 40 points, good enough to share the lead with Hall and Coaker, the last team on the course. All to play for on the inward half.

"We felt we hadn't played anywhere near well enough on the front nine, but we knew we could do better," Holdsworth said. "Our problem was that the wind was coming from a totally different direction to what it had been when we came here first, and it made it a completely different course. That took some getting used to."

They did so, however, with bells on. Their first coup came when they picked up seven points on the par-five 13th. Turner and the long-hitting Holdsworth were just short of the green in two. Turner, who did not receive a shot, chipped and putted for a birdie and three points; Holdsworth, who did, got up and down for a net eagle and four points.

They continued in the same vein, and for two of them there were personal landmarks to come. Lough hit the definitively perfect five-wood to less than a yard on the short 17th, and a birdie two, then Thistlethwaite broke the habit of a lifetime on the 18th.

In four previous rounds on this course, he had yet to finish the hole. This time he did, with an eight-iron third shot to 25 feet, two putts and a net birdie four and three points, helping his team to their second seven-point haul in six holes. His joy was unconfined — by late this afternoon, he might be even happier, although four smiling characters from Sussex could have something to say about that.

FIRST DAY SCORES: 86: Prebon Yamane. 83: Hall and Coaker. 78: Data Connection. 77: Drakes Group. 74: Allied Dunbar (Yorkshire), Bolton Birch, Co-operative Insurance Society, Unisys. 71: Chemical Corporation (UK); Lawson Mardon Star.

Torture as golfers go back to school

John Hopkins joins the trials and tensions of the PGA qualifying event in Spain

Around the locker rooms of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) European Tour, it is called the Q school. That is Q, as in qualifying, but perhaps it should be renamed the T (as in torture) school. Starting yesterday, 183 professionals began competing over six rounds at the San Roque and Guadalmina courses in southern Spain. By Tuesday, the leading 40 will have reached Nirvana. They will have gained entry to events on the 1996 PGA European Tour.

It sounds easy enough, but the reality is that it is anything but. This is a marathon, designed to simulate a normal 72-hole tournament with two extra rounds to tighten the nerves a little more. The Q school is the only seat of learning where what you learn is how to suffer. It is a nerve-racking place, the tension heightened by the glorious weather and majestic scenery in this part of Andalucia. At some time over the next few days, grown men will cry, some from happiness more in despair.

Warren Bennett knew what to expect. The former amateur, a member of the Eisenhower Trophy team last year, had attended the 1994 Q school in France and missed the cut. The new professional spent the past year competing mainly on the Challenge Tour and now he was anxious to start fulfilling the promise that made the International Management Group, who look after Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie, sign him as a client, and Cobra, the equipment makers, pay him to use their clubs.

David Howell, on the other hand, had no idea what was in store for him when he arrived in Spain on Sunday. "It's just another tournament, isn't it?" the man whose singles victory at Royal Porthcawl helped Great Britain and Ireland to win the Walker Cup two months ago said. "Nothing to get excited about. You must not dwell on anything this week. Just get on with the next hole." As if playing 108 holes is not difficult enough, competition this year is made harder by the quality and size of the field. "I've attended 18 qualifying schools since 1983, and this was the strongest field we've had," Andy McFee, the tournament director said. "The entry totalled 670, 75 more than last year. Here, at the final qualifying stage, there are some good amateurs, some battle-hardened tour players and some good international players."

> 'It is a nerve-racking place, the only seat of learning where what you learn is how to suffer'

Some, like Gordon J Brand, did not want to be here at all. The Costa del Sol may be a worthwhile destination for most weeks of the year, but, if a professional golfer is here this week, he is struggling. If you were struggling as much as Brand, the 40-year-old Yorkshireman who once played second cornet in the Hammond Sauce Works Band and who won less than £8,000 this year. He is the first Ryder Cup player to have to return to the Q school and his 73, two over par, at Guadalmina's composite course was a bad start.

Bennett: missed the cut in France last year

Bennett began with a level par on the course, a tight test that winds between fig and fir trees and at one point passes within a short putt of Sean Connery's house. "That was all right," Bennett, the son of Peter Bennett, the West Ham footballer of the 1960s, said. "What you must not do this week is make disastrous mistakes. No triple bogies."

It was Peter McEvoy, the former Amateur champion, who drew attention to Howell when the 20-year-old represented England in the 1994 Home Internationals. "He is one of the best I've seen," McEvoy said. "He has good technique and a good temperament. I think he could really do something." McEvoy gives out praise stintingly: this was a resounding tribute.

Howell birdied the first hole and then got to three under par after 17 holes of the composite course, chatting between shots as if he were playing a friendly game at Broome Manor, his home club near Swindon. The way his shot flew low and accurately made him look appear in a different class from the Swede and Japanese with whom he was playing.

"David has a professional action and the flight of his shot is like a professional's," Bennett said. A six on the tree-lined 18th, a short par four where the fairway tumbles down to the right before swinging viciously to the left, did not disturb Howell. "Six rounds is so much," he said. "You have to think of this week as 108 holes — and not worry about one."

Thus ended the first day of the Spanish Inquisition.

'Kite next US Ryder Cup captain'

TOM KITE, the former US Open champion, will be captain of the 1997 US Ryder Cup team, according to an American magazine. An official announcement will be made by the USPGA on Wednesday, but *Golfweek* magazine quotes sources claimed to be close to the association as saying that Kite has already been chosen.

Kite, 45, has played in seven Ryder Cup teams, most recently the winning side captained by Tom Watson at The Belfry in 1993. He was, according to *Golfweek*, chosen from a list of candidates that included Larry Nelson, Ben Crenshaw and Curtis Strange.

Kite, who would neither confirm nor deny the report, said: "I hope you're right. I hope it is me. I'd love to be Ryder Cup captain." The 32nd Ryder Cup will be held from September 26 to 28, 1997, at Valderrama Golf Club in Sotogrande, Spain.

Philip Walton, of Ireland, and Costantino Rocca, from Italy, scored opening rounds of 70 to lie five shots off the lead in the Casio World Open in Ibusuki, Japan, yesterday. Kiyoshi Maita, of Japan, returned a 65 for a one-stroke lead over Hajime Meshiai, his compatriot.

Norman wins minor victory over major rival

Norman: sluggish start

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN MELBOURNE

THE pre-championship hype billed the Heineken Australian Open as a head-to-head between John Daly and Greg Norman and it was Norman who won the first round of that particular golf contest at Kingston Heath yesterday while never threatening the leaderboard.

Daly, trailed by followers dying to be overawed, underwhelmed in the end, finishing with a 73, one over par, that featured two birdies, a bogey and a double bogey. However, the American's hitting did sometimes impress. "Holy hell," was one respectable-looking, elderly matron's response to a Daly special.

At the 14th — at 552 yards, the longest hole on the course — the Open champion took a one-iron off the tee and, as the ball headed for the stratosphere, Wayne Riley, Daly's playing partner, who had just hit a driver, yelled, "Don't dare go past that drive." The ball listened. Riley was longer than Daly — by two inches.

Daly found the slick greens tricky and missed a couple of birdie chances in the five-foot range in the last four holes.

At first, Norman, who shot 72, was even more lost on putting surfaces that he described as "quicker than any I've ever played; faster even than Augusta". On a chilly morning, he was three over par after eight holes before three birdies in a row from the ninth rescued his round.

"I could've shot 75 or 76 quite easily," Norman said. "I wasn't that sharp. I wasn't prepared for the course — it was very different from the practice round — or the weather — I didn't even bring a sweater out; but I'm only going to be three out of the lead."

That prediction was not quite spot on either, for there was a quintet of relatively unsung Australians out in front on 68: Rob Whitlock, Lyndsay Stephen, Peter McWhinney, Lucien Tinkler and David Bransdon. A trio of New Zealanders — Michael Campbell, Grant Waite and Paul Devenport — came next, on 69, alongside Perry Moss and Wayne Grady.

Steven Bottomley, third in the Open at St Andrews where he had a week to remember, had a day to forget, struggling round in 85. He had four double bogeys and one triple, but nothing to match the nine that Peter Senior had at the 14th on his way to a 77.

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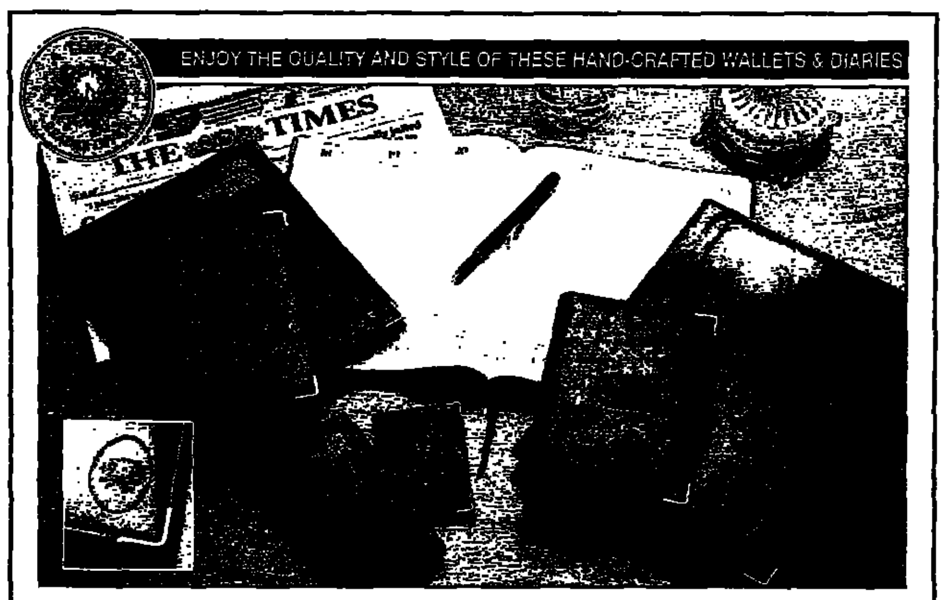

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Switch in style pays for Canada

CANADA'S women's hockey team caused the biggest upset of the qualifying tournament for the Olympic Games yesterday, beating Holland 1-0 at Hartleyvale Stadium in Cape Town. Undaunted by the fact that they are most unlikely to go through, and abandoning their defensive style, they registered their first victory of the competition.

Under pressure for most of the first half, Holland then showed much more urgency, only to be frustrated at virtually every turn.

Canada scored the decisive goal through Karen MacNeil from their third short corner, but the win was not enough to put them into the top five nations, who will compete in Atlanta next summer, and with their final match tomorrow, their chances of making up ground are slim.

South Africa's hopes also faded after they went down 2-1 to China in a dramatic match. Jianpin Chen gave China the lead and, after the hosts had equalised from a penalty, Jing Chen secured an unexpected victory with 25 seconds left. South Africa's only chance of qualifying now rests on them beating Great Britain by a wide margin tomorrow.

Kelly Fairweather, the South Africa coach, conceded that her team was all but eliminated. "It's all over for us now," she said. "We knew that even a draw here wouldn't be good enough."

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CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of John Brock (otherwise known as Jacob Nathan Brock)
Scheme for appointment of Trustees
Reference: AR/8664/CD(T)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the offices of Harbottle Associates, No.2 Kentish Buildings, 125 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1NP, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: St Paul's Schools Foundation
Scheme for the regulation of the charity
Reference: KJ-312749 A/4-CD(Lon)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London EC2V 8HE or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

JOHN BROCK TRUST
(THE LORD MAYORS CHRISTMAS FUND)

Charity: The John Brock Trust. The Charity Trustees of the above mentioned Charity have resolved that both the income and capital of the above-named Charity shall be applied in accordance with the last Will of John Brock deceased dated 19th June 1968. Copies of that resolution can be obtained by writing to Messrs Harbottle Associates of No.2 Kentish Buildings, 125 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1NP.

LEGAL NOTICES

No: 006867 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CIGNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF EUROPE S.A.N.V.
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF BRITANNIA LIFE LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 7 November 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England by CIGNA Life Insurance Company of Europe S.A.N.V. ("CIGNA") for:

(1) an Order under Part I of Schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ("the Act") sanctioning a Scheme providing for the transfer to CIGNA of part of the long term insurance business carried on by Britannia Life Limited (formerly Britannia Life Assurance Limited) ("Britannia"); and

(2) an Order making ancillary provision in connection with the implementation of the Scheme under paragraph 5 of the said Part I.

Copies of the Petition, the Scheme, and a Report by an Independent Actuary as required by paragraph 2(2)(d) of the said Part I may be inspected at the offices of CIGNA at CIGNA House, 8 Lime Street, London EC3M 7NA and at the offices of Britannia at Britannia Court, 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR during usual business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this Notice.

The Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 20 December 1995 and any person, including any employee of Britannia or CIGNA who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme, may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any policyholder of Britannia or CIGNA who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, should give not less than two clear days' prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent, and the reasons therefor, to the solicitors named below.

Copies of the documents specified above will be furnished by such solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an Order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge therefor.

DATED this 14 day of November 1995
Lovell White Durrant
65 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DY
Ref: A3/KWC/JTY/16606-1
Solicitors for CIGNA

IN THE MATTER OF
CHEVRON OIL (TOGH) LIMITED
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KEWANEE OIL COMPANY (U.K.) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST were appointed Joint Liquidators of the said Companies on 14 November 1995 by the Members.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 20 day of December 1995, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter John Robertson Souster and Peter James Dickerson of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST the liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 14 day of November 1995
PJR SOUSTER &
PJ DICKERSON,
JOINT LIQUIDATORS
N B This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

WEST HAM UNITED PLC
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 95th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company being the Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, London E13 9AZ on Monday 18th December 1995 at 7.00 pm.

Details of the business to be transacted at such Annual General Meeting can be obtained by any Shareholders who have not, for whatever reason, received written Notice of such Meeting, upon application to the Secretary of the Company at its Registered Office.

By Order of the Board
R.I. SKIRROW, Secretary
Registered Office:
Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, London, E13 9AZ

No. 006870 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL THWAITES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on 6th November 1995 for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £7,500,000 to £7,050,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 6th day of December 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 24th day of November 1995
Trowers & Hamlins
6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3RP
Solicitors to the Company
(Ref: CEL 508.1 JTW/M)
Tel: 0171 831 6292

NOTICE OF S98 MEETING OF CREDITORS
MAISON REALISATIONS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Former Principal Trading Address: 81/85 St. Thomas Street, London, SE1 3QX.
Company Number: 1602020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Touche Ross, Room 1E, Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter St, London EC4 on 5 December 1995 at 10.45 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of 65 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1BQ during the two business days preceding the above meeting.

Dated: 17 November 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J Tomkins, Director

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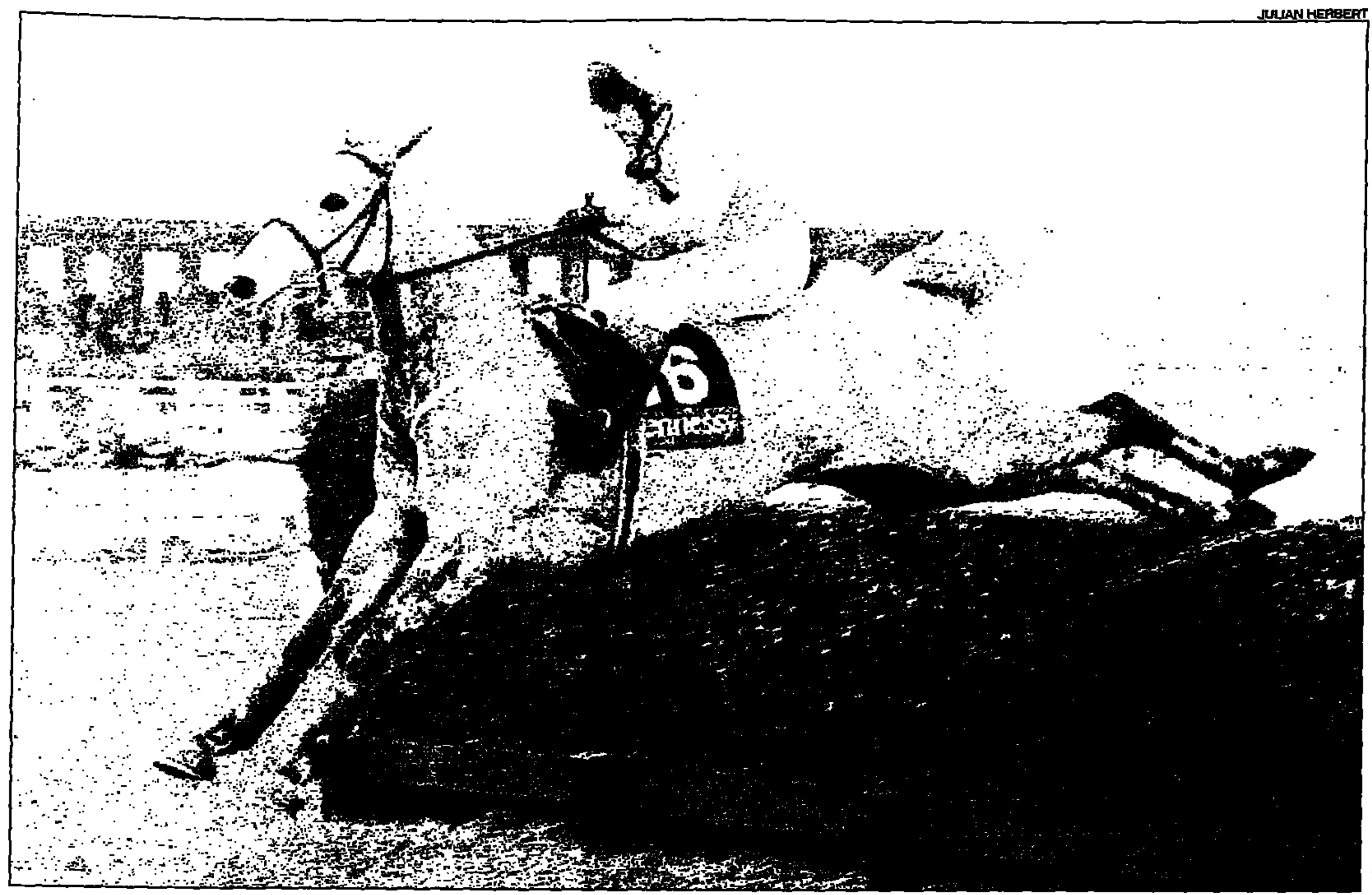
Richards gives answer as jockeys press for Hennessy mount

Dwyer booked for One Man show

By Julian Muscat



JULIAN HERBERT

Dwyer replaces Dobbin as One Man seeks a second consecutive win in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury tomorrow

MARK DWYER was the envy of his weighing room colleagues yesterday when he was called up to ride One Man, the hot favourite for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury tomorrow. The Irish-born jockey became available at the eleventh hour after Jodami, his intended Hennessy mount, was diverted to an easier engagement at Kelso on Monday.

Early yesterday morning, Dwyer journeyed to the Cumbria base of One Man's trainer, Gordon Richards, where he partnered the grey chaser in a steady canter. "It was the first time I'd sat on the horse," Dwyer, who landed the important steeplechase aboard Galway Blaze in 1985, said. "He didn't do a lot but he felt very well in himself."

The vacant seat on One Man has been much in demand since Tony Dobbin, the horse's regular rider, was sidelined after a fall at Catterick on Monday. Richard Dunwoody, initially approached to replace Dobbin, felt duty bound to honour a prior commitment to partner Merry Gale at Punchestown tomorrow and Richards's telephone has rarely been so busy. "I've had a lot of offers from the old stagers," the trainer remarked.

Dwyer, himself among the more senior members of the weighing room, perfectly fits Richards's requirements for the task. Richards believes One Man performs best in "quiet" hands and Dwyer has few peers in this respect. "Funnily enough, Mark was one of the many who called on Wednesday night and I told him: 'You're my man'. He is a very good rider. Mark had a sit on him and everything is in place. The horse's work is now complete and it's just a case of fingers crossed and waiting for the big day. He will travel down to Newbury tomorrow."

Richards learnt of Dwyer's likely availability at Hexham on Wednesday afternoon, when he discussed the Hennessy with Peter Beaumont, Jodami's trainer. Beaumont said the ground at Newbury would probably be too fast for his former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, and told Richards he thought that Jodami could not beat One Man anyway. The pair clashed at Ayr two weeks ago, when One Man, in receipt of 16lb, beat Jodami by seven lengths. Jodami was to have reopposed on just 4lb better terms.

As part of his preparation, Dwyer is to review film of One Man's Hennessy triumph 12 months ago. "I haven't yet discussed my riding tactics but One Man looks a straightforward ride," he said. "I didn't ride in the race last year but it's obviously a great privilege to pick up the mount this time round. In fact, I thought One Man would win the Hennessy when I finished second to him on Jodami at Ayr." Interestingly, only the mighty Arkle has landed successive runnings of this pre-Christmas highlight of the jumping calendar.

Jodami has been alloted topweight of 11st 10lb in the £15,000-added Hinchliffe Champion Chase, a handicap over 3½ miles, at Kelso on Monday. He is the only horse among 20 entrants in the handicap; the Richards-trained Tartan Tyrant, with 9st 11lb, is closest to him in the weights. "The Kelso race was always an option," Beaumont said yesterday. "I don't want Jodami to have a hard race at this early stage of the season."

Jodami's defection from the Hennessy means that Young Hustler, provisionally the mount of Carl Llewellyn, now rises by 5lb to head the handicap with 12 stone. Nevertheless, the eight-year-old will take his chance unless the rain intervenes. "The weight won't put us off," said his trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies, who reiterated that Earth Summit, for whom Tom Jenks has been booked, wil be withdrawn if the ground dries up. The ground at Newbury was yesterday reported as "good".

Twiston-Davies's third representative, Grange Brake, will be ridden by Dennis Leahy. "Grange Brake is not out of it," the trainer warned. "He is coming back to himself and he ran a pleasing race at Haydock last time out."

With Dean Gallagher confirmed for Couldnt Be Better, who, alongside Black Humour represents Charlie Brooks in the Hennessy, the riding arrangements for the big chase are now complete.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WILD STRAWBERRY
(2.00 Newbury)
Next best: Easy Buck
(2.30 Newbury)

NEWBURY BETTING

Coral: 13-8 One Man, 9-2 Rough Quest, 13-2 Earth Summit, 8-1 Couldnt Be Better, Young Hustler, 12-1 Black Humour, Chatam, 16-1 Cogent, 20-1 Monsieur Le Cure, 25-1 Superior Finish, 33-1 Bishops Hall, Givus A Buck, Grange Brake

Ladbrokes: 6-4 One Man, 9-2 Rough Quest, 6-1 Earth Summit, 8-1 Couldnt Be Better, Young Hustler, 12-1 Black Humour, Chatam, 16-1 Monsieur Le Cure, 20-1 Cogent, Superior Finish, 50-1 Bishops Hall, Givus A Buck, Grange Brake

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William Hill: 11-8 One Man, 9-2 Rough Quest, 5-1 Earth Summit, 7-1 Couldnt Be Better, 10-1 Black Humour, 12-1 Young Hustler, 14-1 Chatam, 20-1 Monsieur Le Cure, 25-1 Cogent, Superior Finish, 50-1 Givus A Buck, 66-1 Bishops Hall, Grange Brake

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3	0115	HEATHYARDS LADY 13 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	F Lynch (7) 8
4	0011	NASHAAT 30 (D,F,G,S) M Chapman 7-9-2	D R McCabe (3) 11
5	0032	SANDMOOR DENIM 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) S Bowring 8-8-13	S Webster 1
6	0214	BARREL OF HOPE 29 (B,CD,G,S) J Eyre 3-8-12	K Fallon 5
7	5406	SARASI 8 (V,D,G) M Camacho 3-8-11	L Charnock 10
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7	0000	LIGHT MOVEMENT 14 (B) W Cunningham 5-8-8	A Clark 5
8	0-00	SEA GOD 18 M Chapman 4-8-6	K Fallon 10
9	0	DANCING JAZZTIME 72 J Wainwright 4-8-5	D McKeown 4
10	0501	MATTHEW DAVID 112 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 5-8-5	N Carlisle 3
11	0060	ALJAZ 27 (B,CD,G,S) R Harris 5-8-4	A Mackay 9
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5	053	WHITLEY GRANGE BOY 18 J Eyre 9-0	R Lappin 10
6	00	YA MARHABA 57 J Payne 9-0	M Tebbutt 1
7		YEOMAN OLIVER B McMahon 9-0	G Carter 5
8	02	BLUE ADELAIDE 18 P Cole 8-9	David O'Neill (7) 16
9	46	GALINE 71 W O'Gorman 8-9	Emma O'Gorman 12
10		GINAS GIRL S Bowring 8-9	S Webster 6
11	00U5	GOVERNORS DREAM 30 Mrs N Macauley 8-9	J Tate 7
12		KINGDOM PRINCESS M Camacho 8-9	L Charnock 14
13	03	LAST BUT NOT LEAST 18 R Johnson Houghton 8-9	R Perham 4
14	03	LEARNING CURVE 13 M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield 13
15	422	MASK FLOWER 140 M Johnston 8-9	D McKeown 11
16	0	QUINNTESSA 52 B Palling 8-9	S Sanders 3

7-2 Blue Adelaide, 4-1 Mask Flower, 9-2 Galine, 5-1 Whitley Grange Boy, 7-1 Last But Not Least, 12-1 Quinntessa, 14-1 others.

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9	6000	YOUNG BEN 67 J Wainwright 3-8-1	J Fanning 7
10	3160	IRCHESTER LASS 4 (B,D,F,G) S Bowring 3-8-0	N Carlisle 4
11	6000	LAST WORLD 14 J Pickering 3-8-0	D Wright (3) 1

11-4 Great Bear, 3-1 At The Savoy, 9-2 Most Uppitty, 5-1 Montague Dawson, 6-1 Dissentor, 14-1 Irchester Lass 16-1 others.

2.10 FOY & CO NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,167: 7f) (16)

1	0300	OVERSMAN 51 J Fitzgerald 9-7	K Fallon 6
2	5103	HOMELAND 11 (D,F,G) T Naughton 9-5	A Whelan (5) 7
3	0100	HOTLIPS HOULIHAN 80 (D,F) R Williams 9-5	D Biggs 13
4	2100	EBONY BOY 93 (CD,G) J Wharton 9-3	S D Williams 1
5	6804	RAWI 8 (B) W Muir 9-1	S Sanders 14
6	1000	TIME CLASH 38 (F) B Palling 9-1	R Perham 4
7	0054	ANGUS MCCOATUP 13 B McMahon 9-1	G Carter 15
8	4316	BOLD ENOUGH 49 (D,BF,G) B Hills 9-0	J D Smith (5) 12
9	6500	SILENT GUEST 18 M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 8
10	0030	FOREMAN 10 (V,BF,G) W O'Gorman 8-10	Emma O'Gorman 11
11	3600	THEATRE MAGIC 72 (B) S Bowring 8-6	C Teague (5) 5
12	5000	ONE LIFE TO LIVE 8 A Harrison 8-6	J Stack (3) 2
13	6005	WELSH MELODY 11 (B,G) K Burke 8-0	C Rutter 10
14	400	TWO TIMER 55 M Johnston 8-0	J Fanning 3
15	3260	CONTRACT BRIDGE 22 C Thornton 7-10	A Mackay 9
16	000	HADADABBLE 18 Pat Mitchell 7-9	J Quinn 16

7-2 Bold Enough, 4-1 Rawi, 5-1 Angus McCoatup, 6-1 Welsh Melody, 8-1 One Life To Live, Homeland, 10-1 Hotlips Houlihan, 12-1 others

2.40 FARMERS WEEKLY HANDICAP
(Div II: £3,185: 7f) (11)

1	0021	BE WARNED 8 (B,CD,F,G) N Callaghan 4-10-2 (7ex)	A Eddery (7) 2
2	0006	JOHNNIE THE JOKER 8 (B,CD,F,G) J Leigh 4-10-0	D McKeown 3
3	3000	WHITE SORREL 18 (C,G) A Harrison 4-9-10	J Stack (3) 7
4	0653	SHADOW JURY 8 (C,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-4	L Charnock 10
5	4000	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 21 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 10-9-3	K Fallon 8
6	0440	PRIMA SILK 20 (F,G) M Ryan 4-9-2	T Ives 5
7	0033	SUPER BENZ 21 (CD,F,G,S) F O'Mahony 9-8-10	S D Williams 4
8	2832	PENMAR 22 (B) T Etherington 3-8-5	A Whelan (5) 6
9	4013	BENJAMINS LAW 3 (G) J Pickering 4-7-13 (7ex)	J Quinn 11
10	0203	MISLEMANI 8 (D,G) A Newcombe 5-7-9	A Mackay 1
11	0000	ON Y VA 112 (CD,G,S) R Williams 8-7-7	G Bardwell 8

4-1 Be Warned, 9-2 Penmar, 5-1 Benjamins Law, 6-1 Johnnie The Joker, Mislemani, 7-1 Prima Silk, Super Benz, 10-1 On Y Va, 12-1 others.

3.10 A C OFFICE SUPPLIES SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,814: 1m) (16)

1	0001	DRAGONJOY 18 (B,C,G) J Payne 9-2	M Tebbutt 10
2	1320	BUMBLEFOOT 27 (G) M Johnston 8-11	D McKeown 4
3	0000	DANCING CAVALIER 8 R Hollinshead 8-11	T Ives 5
4	000	GUNNER B SPECIAL 18 S Bowring 8-11	C Teague (5) 7
5	0500	KRATZ 52 (B) B Rothwell 8-11	L Charnock 9
6	0040	MULHOLLANDE LAD 8 M Chapman 8-11	D R McCabe (3) 15
7	8060	RIGHTEOUS GENT 18 (F) K McAuliffe 8-11	S Sanders 8
8	380P	ADDIE PRAY 8 M Jarvis 8-6	J Tate 14
9	0600	CLASSIC DAISY 11 (B) Miss G Kelleway 8-6	A Whelan (5) 1
10	00	CONTRARIE 8 M Ryan 8-6	G Bardwell 16
11	0003	ERIPETTE 11 N Bycroft 8-6	J Quinn 13
12	5006	HOLLOWAY MELODY 8 B McMahon 8-6	G Carter 3
13	0253	LA FINALE 8 (B,BF) M H Easterby 8-6	K Fallon 12
14		MS JONES R Brotherton 8-6	N Adams 6
15	5506	POPPY MY LOVE 13 R Harris 8-6	D Biggs 11
16	0000	SPRING SILHOUETTE 31 (V) Mrs V Aconley 8-6	M Deering 2

2-1 La Finale, 9-2 Bumblefoot, 6-1 Dragonjoy, 7-1 Addie Pray, Classic Daisy, 8-1 Dancing Cavalier, 10-1 Eripette, Righteous Gent, 12-1 others

3.40 IRIS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£3,053: 1m 6f) (12)

1	4040	KADIRI 4 (F,G) J Bosley 4-12-0	Mrs S Bosley (3) 12
2	3000	MOWLAIE 13 (F) D Chapman 4-11-13	Miss R Clark (3) 7
3	5000	MRS JAWLEYFORD 18 (C,G) C Smith 7-11-3	Mrs M Morris (3) 10
4	3460	STALLED 10 (F,G,S) P Walwyn 5-11-2	Marchioness Blandford (3) 1
5	3424	TREMENDISTO 13 J Wilson 5-10-13	Miss Diana Jones 5
6	0522	IJAB 8 (B,CD,G) J Parkes 5-10-13	M H Naughton 6
7	9800	MODEST HOPE 13J (C,F,G) B Richmond 8-10-12	Mrs L Pearce 4
8	1000	HANDMAIDEN 18 (C,G) A Harrison 5-10-10	Miss D Kettlewell (3) 8
9	4030	BRESIL 9J (F) K Burke 6-9-12	Mrs H Sweeting (7) 3
10	-600	PHANAN 16 (F,G) R Peacock 9-9-10	Mrs C Peacock (7) 9
11	4050	STARLIGHT FLYER 6J (B,F,G,S) J Long 8-9-7	T Waters (7) 2
12	600/	CHORUS BOY 1589 Mrs S Austin 10-9-7	Mrs D Wilkinson (7) 11

7-4 Ijab, 4-1 Stalled, 5-1 Tremendisto, 8-1 Modest Hope, Kadiri, Handmaiden, 10-1 Mowlaie, 14-1 Bresil, 16-1 Starlight Flyer, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Jarvis, 7 winners from 31 runners, 22.6%; B Hills, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Prescott, 25 from 123, 20.3%, M Ryan, 15 from 78, 19.2%, P Cole, 12 from 65, 18.5%; M Johnston, 31 from 171, 18.1%.

JOCKEYS: Kimberley Hart, 6 winners from 19 rides, 31.6%, D Biggs, 34 from 200, 17.0%; T Ives, 18 from 107, 16.8%, M Tebbutt, 7 from 48, 14.6%; Emma O'Gorman, 31 from 220, 14.1%, J Tate, 11 from 80, 13.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bangor: 2.20 Yer 'Umble. Southwell: 12.20 Sarasi. 12.45 Aljaz, Light Movement. 2.10 Rawi, Welsh Melody. 3.10 La Finale. Newbury: 1.00 Lisotho, Lynton Lad. 3.00 Mr Primetime, Mick The Yank. 3.30 Raincheck.

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Mysilv out

MYSILV misses the Bellway Homes Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle tomorrow and will be aimed at the Bonusphoto Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on December 9. "I was not happy with her blood this morning and her coat doesn't look as well as it normally does," her trainer, Charlie Egerton, said yesterday.

BANGOR

THUNDERER

1.20 Steadfast Elite. 1.50 Jason's Boy. 2.20 Master Ofthe House. 2.50 Better Times Ahead. 3.20 Do Rightly. 3.50 Castle Sweep.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 CLASSIC RACING BOOKS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,973: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1	41/0	VIAGGIO 55 (V,D,S) W Clay 7-11-9	J Railton	88
2	P/0-	AWESTRUCK 13F (B) B Preece 5-11-4	Gary Lyons	–
3	0P0-	DANCE ON SIXPENCE 140F J Peacock 7-11-4	R Bellamy	87
4	0	PARISH WALK 4 K Hogg 4-11-4	S Wynne	–
5	4	SONNY PLACE 15 J L Harris 4-11-4	A S Smith	73
6	00-2	STEADFAST ELITE 13 (D,G) J J O'Neill 4-11-4	A Roche (3)	[illegible]
7		ATHENIAN ALLIANCE J Bradley 6-10-13	Mr M Daly (7)	–
8	PP-	BUCKLEY BOYS 4F A Bailey 4-10-13	T Kent	–
9	/PP-	PACIFIC SPIRIT 68F M Tate 5-10-13	P McLoughlin	–
10	-222	PALACE RIVER 21 (BF) D Moffatt 7-10-13	D J Moffatt	98
11		QUEEN OF SHANNON 312F A Carroll 7-10-13	R Davis	–

2-1 Steadfast Elite, 7-2 Buckley Boys, 5-1 Viaggio, Sonny Place, 7-1 Palace River, 14-1 Queen Of Shannon, Dance On Sixpence, 16-1 others

1.50 ELLESMERE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,840: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1	65P-	RONANS GLEN 249 (F) M Wilkinson 8-11-10	R Supple	83
2	23U3	EAST HOUSTON 18 (BF,G) J J O'Neill 6-11-5	M Dwyer	83
3	643-	BIG ARTHUR 366 D Nicholson 6-11-3	P Niven	–
4	UF-6	DANTES SUN 28 (G) T Forster 6-10-6	A Thornton	–
5	04F3	JASON'S BOY 15 (F,S) J Bradley 5-10-6	J F Titley	98
6	595-	SEYMOUR SPY 188 Mrs A Hewitt 6-10-2	S Wynne	–
7	0P2-	NIKAROO 238 J King 9-10-1	G Upton	[illegible]
8	0334	ON THE TEAR 6 F Lloyd 9-10-0	Gary Lyons	92

4-5 Big Arthur, 9-2 Dantes Sun, Ronans Glen, 7-1 Jason's Boy, 8-1 East Houston, 14-1 Nikaroo, 16-1 others.

2.20 WOOD FARM STUD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,696: 2m 1f) (8)

1	112F	FERRUFINO 21 (D,F) P Rich 7-11-10	Muredach Kelly (7)	93
2	06-3	HABASHA 28 (D,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-9	J Lower	90
3	-500	HO-JOE 20 (G,S) G Yardley 5-11-9	R Guest	85
4	411-	GREEN'S FAIR 237 (D,S) G Ham 5-11-5	S Burrough	85
5	115/	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 52F (G) M Hammond 9-11-2	D Bentley	–
6	4-23	YER 'UMBLE 121 (V) J Cresswell 4-11-1	W McFarland	86
7	2100	CHRIS'S GLEN 20 (V,F,G) J Bradley 6-10-12	J F Titley	[illegible]
8	05/4	PUSEY STREET BOY 27 (F) J Bosley 8-10-2	A Procter (3)	92

9-4 Habasha, 3-1 Ferrufino, 4-1 Green's Fair, 6-1 Yer 'Umble, 7-1 Chris's Glen, 8-1 Master Ofthe House, 12-1 others.

2.50 HELSHAW GRANGE HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,585: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	1P/1	BETTER TIMES AHEAD 14 (CD,G,S) G Richards 9-12-0	B Harding (3)	[illegible]
2	12-3	HONEST WORD 1 (D,F,G,S) S Brookshaw 10-11-12	J Railton	90
3	22-4	MASTER BOSTON 33 (G,S) R Woodhouse 7-11-8	M Dwyer	95
4	F-P5	MAN OF MYSTERY 30 (D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-8	T Jenks	90
5	U-F5	BUCKS SURPRISE 8 (CD,G) J Mackie 7-10-0	R Supple	91

4-5 Better Times Ahead, 3-1 Master Boston, 5-1 Man Of Mystery, 8-1 Honest Word, 14-1 Bucks Surprise

3.20 CROSS FOXES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,583: 3m 110yd) (7)

1	04-1	DO RIGHTLY 23 (S) M Bradstock 6-11-7	L Wyer	97
2	40P-	ARCTIC RED 279 S Brookshaw 8-11-0	J Railton	–
3	F	IRONS IN THE FIRE 9 W Jenks 6-11-0	T Jenks	–
4	0-4F	MONY-SKIP 7 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0	R Guest	[illegible]
5	F-11	MR MULLIGAN 33 (F,G) N Chance 7-11-0	M Dwyer	–
6	P/0U	SPA KELLY 9 J Pickering 7-11-0	M Sharratt	–
7	00-3	DANCING AT LAHARN 13 Miss S Wilton 5-10-12	Gary Lyons	83

5-4 Do Rightly, 7-4 Mr Mulligan, 8-1 Arctic Red, 10-1 Mony-Skip, Dancing At Laharn, 20-1 Irons In The Fire, 25-1 Spa Kelly

3.50 HANMER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,046: 2m 1f) (16)

1	0-0	ALTHREY ARISTOCRAT 20 F Lloyd 5-10-12	P McLoughlin	–
2		ALTHREY CAPTAIN F Lloyd 5-10-12	S Wynne	–
3		BEATMORE DRUMS 223P I Brown 6-10-12	Mr A Brown (7)	–
4	D	BIT OF A DREAM 13 Mrs S Smith 5-10-12	L Wyer	–
5		BRANDIFE W Clay 6-10-12	A S Smith	–
6	1-1	CASTLE SWEEP 23 (S) D Nicholson 4-10-12	P Niven	–
7	00	DESERT BRAVE 14 Mrs S Smith 5-10-12	R Guest	–
8	30-0	EL CORDOBES 28 W Jenks 4-10-12	J Railton	–
9	0-	ETERNAL CITY 331 G Richards 4-10-12	B Harding (3)	–
10	013-	FRENCH BUCK 202 (G) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12	T Jenks	–
11	0-	KEMILLER 265 D Nicholson 5-10-12	Mr G E Smith (7)	–
12	00-	MANVULANE 244 Mrs C Black 5-10-12	D McCain	–
13	000/	MASTER HOPE 590 D Nicholson 6-10-12	R Bellamy	–
14	402	NAGARA SOUND 13 B Preece 4-10-12	Gary Lyons	–
15	5-5	MEADOW DANCER 13 Miss S Wilton 4-10-7	J F Titley	–
16	00-0	RUSRAT 48 B Preece 5-10-7	A Thornton	–

7-4 Castle Sweep, 4-1 French Buck, 6-1 Eternal City, 10-1 Kemiller, 14-1 Nagara Sound, Master Hope, 16-1 Meadow Dancer, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Hammond, 7 winners from 17 runners, 41.2%, D Nicholson, 8 from 26, 30.8%; M Pipe, 19 from 70, 27.1%; G Richards, 26 from 111, 23.4%, N Twiston-Davies, 15 from 64, 23.4%, J Mackie, 9 from 57, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Guest, 5 winners from 23 rides, 21.7%, M Dwyer, 7 from 40, 17.5%, S Wynne, 7 from 57, 12.3%, J Railton, 5 from 45, 11.1% R Bellamy, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Taunton

Going: good

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, HAWKER HUNTER (J A McCarthy, 9-4 fav); 2, Blair Castle (B Clifford, 5-2); 3, Douce Maison (A Lamach, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Moonlight Air, 9 Wayfarers Way (6th), 12 Art Tatum (4th), 20 Coxwell Steptoe, 25 Symbol Of Success, 33 Pride Of Hayling (ur), 50 Allow (5th), 100 Duality, Glad She's Gone (pu), Miss Spent Youth, Plum Fancy. 14 ran. 11l, 8l, hd, 10l, 1l. C Egerton at Chaddleworth. Tote £3.40; £1.80, £1.50, £2.00. DF £6.40 Trio: £20.30. CSF: £8.35.

1.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, YUBRALEE (D Bridgwater, 4-7 fav); 2, Handson (D Salter, 20-1), 3, Cante Chico (G McCourt, 11-1) ALSO RAN: 10 Noble Ballerina (r), 12 Jackstack (5th), 14 Sastrugi, 16 Alka International, 20 Kreel (4th), 25 Fortunes Leap (pu), Pharly Reef (6th), 33 Lees Please, 66 Rachel Ann (pu), Sharp Holly (pu), Sulabelf 14 ran 7l, 20l, 4l, 8l, 2l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £5.70, £2.90 DF: £20.40. Trio: £35.10 CSF: £14.79 Bought in 7,800gns.

2.00 (3m ch) 1, DUHALLOW LODGE (D Bridgwater, 11-2); 2, Toureen Prince (R Farrant, 15-2); 3, Larry's Lord (J R Kavanagh, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Full Of Oats, 9-2 Andrelot (4th), 10 Brimpton Bertie (6th), 33 Scotoni (5th). 7 ran 3l, 2½l, 12l, 25l, 2½l. C Barwell at Tiverton. Tote. £5.90; £2.50, £2.20 DF. £11.80. CSF: £39.77.

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, NORTHERN STARLIGHT (D Bridgewater, 9-2); 2, Supermick (J A McCarthy, 4-1); 3, Little Hooligan (G Hogan, 9-2). ALSO RAN 3-1 fav Up The Junction (4th), 9-2 He's A King (f), 13-2 Robins Pride (5th). 6 ran. ½l, 3½l, 4l, 13l. R Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £4.70; £1.80. £2.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £20.70.

3.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, FALMOUTH BAY (G Upton, 5-4 fav); 2, Mr Pickpocket (J F Titley, 7-1); 3, Reve En Rose (J R Kavanagh, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Smiling Chief (4th), 9 Sophism (pu), 16 Wise Statement (f), 20 Paget (ur), 25 Decisive Spice, Maremma Gale (5th), 50 Dorking Ranger (6th), Gramsci (pu), 66 Brown Robber (f). 12 ran ¾l, 7l, 10l, 20l, dist. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote £2.50; £1.80, £2.80, £1.10 DF: £12.60. Trio. £13.80. CSF: £11.33

3.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, SECRET FOUR (A Tory, 12-1), 2, Grand Applause (J A McCarthy, 13-2); 3, Have A Nightcap (J F Titley, 9-1). ALSO RAN. 15-8 fav The Black Monk (6th), 11-4 Chickabiddy, 12 Petitjean (4th), River Island (5th), Sports View (ur). 8 ran. 1¾l, 10l, 8l, ¾l, 9l Mrs S Williams at South Molton. Tote £12.50: £2.60, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £39.20. CSF: £78.03. Tricast: £667.94.

Placepot: £94.70. Quadpot: not won (pool of £83.80 carried forward to Newbury today).

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, Stac-Pollaidh (T J Murphy, 7-2); 2, Swiss Mountain (16-1); 3, St Kitts (8-1). Scorched Air 2-1 fav. 9 ran Nk, 5l K Bailey Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £30.40. Trio £67.90. CSF £48.84.

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, Princethorpe (T Murphy, 20-1); 2, Lambson (12-1): 3, Backstabber (20-1). Captain Marmalade 11-4 fav. 12 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. B Cambidge. Tote: £24.60; £3.10, £3.60, £4.50 DF £173.40. CSF: £219.03. Tricast: £4,338.61. Trio: not won (pool of £172.74 carried forward to 2.00 at Newbury today) No bid

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Callisoe Bay (J Osborne, 1-4 fav); 2, Hewidfield (14-1); 3, Storming Run (14-1) 4 ran. 9l, ch hd. O Sherwood. Tote £1.30 DF: £6.60 CSF. £3.84

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Can Can Charlie (L Aspell, 3-1). 2, Miss Cashtal (7-4 fav); 3, Nocatchim (4-1) 6 ran NR: Jamweh, Kadan. 2½l, 6l, J Pearce Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £1.80. DF £3.00 CSF: £8.07. Tricast: £15.59

2.50 (2m 7f ch) 1, Smith's Band (W Marston, 11-10 fav), 2, Strong Medicine (11-8): 3, Honest Word (5-1). 4 ran. NR: Sailor Jim. 3½l, 3l Mrs J Pitman Tote: £1.70 DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.94.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Elfaa (J Osborne, 7-2 fav); 2, Sudden Spin (4-1). 3, Albemine (20-1). 10 ran. NR Test Match 3½l, 2½l, N Henderson Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £1.70, £7.00. DF: £7.20. Trio £80.90. CSF: £16.47. Tricast: £216.33.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Prophets Honour (M Foster, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Yacht (20-1): 3, Clareswan (6-1) Curacusa 9-4 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Ray River 3l, 3l. P Haslam Tote: £4.30; £1.20, £5.70, £1.60 DF: £54.30 Trio £53.50 CSF: £45.75 Tote

Jackpot: £11,999.10.

Placepot: £1,090.00. Quadpot: £5.10.

Carlisle

Going: good

1.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Topsawyer (N Bentley, 14-1), 2, Mister Trick (25-1); 3, Salvo (10-1) Real Tonic 7-2 fav. 15 ran NR: Herbalist 8l, 1½l Miss S Hall Tote: £30.70; £5.70, £3.20, £4.10 DF £76.00 CSF: £274.64. Tricast: £2,832.79. Trio: not won (pool of £241.12 carried forward to 2.00 at Newbury today). Spectre Brown (14-1), withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in-pound

1.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Lansborough (P Carberry, 4-6 fav), 2, Shallow River (50-1): 3, Bangabunny (10-1), 14 ran. 7l, nk G Richards Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £34.50, £2.20 DF: £135.10 Trio: £103.90. CSF. £34.45.

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, The Grey Monk (B Harding, 2-7 fav); 2, Solba (8-1), 3, Rocharisare (14-1) 7 ran Dist, 14l, G Richards Tote: £1.10, £1.20, £2.80 DF. £4.40. CSF £3.61

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Once More For Luck (P Niven, 11-2), 2, Abbot Of Furness (2-1 fav); 3, Sharkashka (12-1) 8 ran 4l, 2l Mrs M Reveley Tote £6.80; £2.60, £1.40, £3.60. DF £8.60. CSF £17.17. Tricast: £119.54

3.10 (2m ch) 1, Strong Approach (B Storey, 10-11 fav); 2, Precipice Run (9-2); 3, Mils Mij (7-2). 5 ran. 1l, sh hd, J Charlton. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.90 DF. £1.80. CSF: £5.20.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Freddie Muck (Mr M Rimell, 5-1); 2, Dockmaster (14-1). 3, Moonshine Dancer (11-4 fav) 12 ran. 11l, 2½l, N Twiston-Davies. Tote £4.70, £1.70, £5.50, £1.70 DF: £39.70 Trio £41.80. CSF £64.87. Tricast £209.14

Placepot: £30.90. Quadpot: £2.70.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

1.00 Tibetan
1.30 Bertone
2.00 Nahri
2.30 Easy Buck
3.00 Mr Primetime
3.30 Tennessee Twist

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 YAHMI.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 Westminster.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 FRESHMAN'S JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,880: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

101	031	KILCORAN BAY 13 (V,D,G) (N Harris) I Balding 11-3	J Osborne	[illegible]
102	3	BIRTHDAY BOY 20 (T Pearson) J Jenkins 10-12	R Dunwoody	88
103	4	CADDY'S FIRST 27 (S Mellor) S Mellor 10-12	M Perrett	88
104	0	DARIUS THE GREAT 11 (C Butley) D Marks 10-12	J A McCarthy	–
105	4	GENUINE LEADER 78F (R Miquel) P Murphy 10-12	N Mann	–
106		LISOTHO 212F (B) (S Nelson) M Pipe 10-12	D Bridgwater	–
107		LYNTON LAD 29F (B) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 10-12	G Bradley	–
108		MUTAZZ 168F (The All-Round Partnership) W Hern 10-12	R Farrant	–
109		OUR KRIS 42F (Million In Mind Partnership) N Henderson 10-12	J R Kavanagh	–
110	0	PORTSCATHO 13 (Value For Money Racing) Miss J Doyle 10-12	S McNeill	–
111		READYPOWER 56F (Miss J Sell) J Bridger 10-12	D O'Sullivan	–
112		TIBETAN 32F (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 10-12	E Murphy	–
113	0P0	TOSKANO 12 (Berkshire Commercial Components Ltd) D Williams 10-12	A Lamach (3)	–
114		WESTMINSTER 144F (J Bull) M Tompkins 10-12	D Gallagher	–
115		WET PATCH 28F (P Hammond) R Hannon 10-12	G McCourt	–
116		HAYS LODGE (Lady Harris) C Barwell 10-7	B Clifford	–
117		PACIFIC OVERTURE 45F (R Barwell) C Barwell 10-7	T Hudson (7)	–

BETTING: 11-4 Kilcoran Bay, 4-7 Lisotho, 5-1 Birthday Boy, 6-1 Our Kris, 8-1 Mutazz, 10-1 Wet Patch, 12-1 Tibetan, Westminster, 14-1 Lynton Lad, 16-1 others

1994: BRAVE TORNADO 10-12 B Clifford (3-1) G Balding 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

KILCORAN BAY beat No Pattern 9l in 15-runner juvenile hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). Previously 8l 3rd of 8 to Ocean Hawk in juvenile hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to firm) with CADDY'S FIRST (5lb better off) 1l 4th and TOSKANO pulled up 2 out. BIRTHDAY BOY 15l 3rd of 8 to Altime Dancer in juvenile hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to firm). GENUINE LEADER about 30l 4th of 7 to Prophets Pride in juvenile hurdle at Tramore (3m, good to firm). LISOTHO beat Alabyc 1½l in 11-runner claimer at Saint-Cloud (1m 4f, heavy) MUTAZZ 2½l 2nd of 6 to Rocky Forum in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft).

OUR KRIS beat Alaraby 1½l in 7-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm) TIBETAN 3l 2nd of 11 to High Patriarch in maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good).

Selection: KILCORAN BAY

1.30 OXFORDSHIRE NOVICES CHASE
(£4,533: 3m) (4 runners)

201	3/F-1321	BERTONE 13 (F,G) (Mrs H Dufley) K Bailey 6-11-10	J Osborne	[illegible]
202	3U012-3	ACT THE WAG 23 (BF,F,G) (R Ogden) A Turnell 6-11-3	P Carberry	75
203	22F55-4	ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 14 (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-11-1	G Bradley	–
204	134-FF2	GLENFINN PRINCESS 6 (S) (P McGinty) Mrs M Jones 7-10-12	D Byrne	86

BETTING: 4-7 Bertone, 4-1 Absolutely Average, 5-1 Act The Wag, 6-1 Glenfinn Princess

1994: ROSE KING 7-11-0 P Hide (8-1) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERTONE beat Silverfort Lad 6l in 6-runner novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good) ACT THE WAG 3½l 3rd of 11 to Do Rightly in novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 36l 4th of 6 to Wisley Wonder in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good to firm). GLENFINN PRINCESS 1½l 2nd of 4 to Judicial Field in novices' handicap chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm).

Selection: BERTONE (nap)

2.00 BRIMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,900: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

301	0214-26	NEMURO 20 (D,F,G) (Turf City Racing) D Elsworth 7-12-0	Mr P Henley (5)	94
302	30F-511	ESKIMO NEL 8 (D,G,S) (First Chance Racing) J Spearing 4-11-0 (5ex)	D Bridgwater	97
303	51U40-0	SUMMERHILL SPECIAL 13 (D,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-9	P Holley	98
304	F34113	WINDWARD ARIOM 6 (D,F,G,S) (A Shaw) K Burke 9-10-5	A Lamach (3)	94
305	/12-12	WILD STRAWBERRY 41F (BF,D,F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 6-10-2	J Osborne	89
306	P-64101	SOUTHAMPTON 16 (V,D,F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 5-10-2	B Clifford	94
307	51464/2	MARIUS 20 (S) (Mrs A Andrews) J Gifford 5-10-1	L Aspell (7)	94
308	1124-11	NAHRI 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Adams) J Mackie 4-10-1 (5ex)	T Eley	[illegible]
309	3311/	ZANYMAN 540 (F,G) (Mrs P Shaw) N Henderson 9-10-0	J R Kavanagh	–
310	004012-	KINO'S CROSS 249 (D,S) (N Harvey) A J Wilson 6-10-0	C Llewellyn	84

Long handicap: Kino's Cross 9-10

BETTING: 4-1 Nahri, 5-1 Wild Strawberry, 6-1 Eskimo Nel, Marius, Southampton, 7-1 Windward Ariom, 8-1 Nemuro, 12-1 Zanyman, 14-1 others.

1994: AUBURN CASTLE 5-10-0 J Osborne (9-2) O Sherwood 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEMURO 22½l 6th of 15 to Jibber The Kibber in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). ESKIMO NEL beat Tejano Gold 6l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) WINDWARD ARIOM 17l 3rd of 9 to Bimsey in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good to firm) WILD STRAWBERRY neck 2nd of 9 to Pampillo in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good) with WINDWARD ARIOM (4lb worse off) 25l 4th. SOUTHAMPTON beat Tejano Gold short-head in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm) MARIUS 2½l 2nd of 16 to Lightening Lad in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to soft). NAHRI beat New Inn 7l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, good).

Selection: ESKIMO NEL

2.30 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£7,142. 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401	211321-	AROUND THE HORN 217 (C,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-11-13	Mr P O'Keeffe (7)	92
402	1303/11-	ROUYAN 281 (D,F,G,S) (P Mines) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-12	W Marston	90
403	2121F5-	EASY BUCK 231 (D,F,G,S) (J M & J W Cook) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-11	C Maude	91
404	2F4124-	KENTISH PIPER 217 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs T Perkins) N Gaselee 10-11-6	C Llewellyn	95
405	11P464-	PASHTO 221 (D,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 8-11-5	J R Kavanagh	88
406	11-11FF	WISE APPROACH 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Gee) K Bailey 8-11-4	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
407	212215-	THE FROG PRINCE 212 (CD,F,S) (R Cooper) N Gaselee 7-11-2	J Osborne	88
408	4P04P-6	CALAPAEZ 53 (D,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 11-10-9	B Powell	93
409	FF512-2	OLD BRIDGE 20 (BF,D,G,S) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 7-10-6	S McNeill	93

BETTING: 11-4 Rouyan, 7-2 Around The Horn, 9-2 Wise Approach, 5-1 Easy Buck, 8-1 Pashto, 10-1 Old Bridge, The Frog Prince, 12-1 Kentish Piper, 14-1 others.

1994: KATABATIC 11-12-0 S McNeill (9-2) J Gifford 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

AROUND THE HORN beat Political Tower ¾l in 7-runner handicap chase at Ayr (2m, good) ROUYAN beat Gnome's Tycoon 2½l in 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). EASY BUCK best effort beat Gay Ruffian 2½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft) with PASHTO (5lb better off) 24l 4th. WISE APPROACH best effort beat Romany Creek 1½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm) THE FROG PRINCE beat Shamarphil 9l in novice chase at Kempton (3m, heavy) penultimate start. OLD BRIDGE 11l 2nd of 8 to Kibreet in handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good).

Selection: ROUYAN

3.00 SHOPPING ARCADE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,705: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

501	1	WINSFORD HILL 78 (G) (Six Horse Power) P Hobbs 4-11-10	G Tormey (3)	92
502	P0B1-13	DARK NIGHTINGALE 21 (BF,G) (Miss L Clark) O Sherwood 5-11-8	G Hogan	91
503	0/615	GOLDENSWIFT 23 (G) (Mrs S Watts) G Balding 5-11-7	B Fenton (3)	92
504	55P-43	MR PRIMETIME 29 (B,BF) (Anglia Telecom Centres Plc) C Brooks 5-11-2	T J Murphy	98
505	5U/BF-	FOX ON THE RUN 380 (R Ogden) A Turnell 8-11-0	G Crone (6)	–
506	444221	DURSHAN 13 (V,G) (D Donnelly) J Jenkins 6-10-13	C Rae (6)	96
507	412/0U-	BANK PLACE 251 (G) (Busman Doors Ltd) S Sherwood 8-10-13	S Curran	–
508	0P-5313	CLASH OF CYMBALS 12 (BF,G) (The Wiltshire Partnership) J Moore 6-10-6	J Magee	[illegible]
509	0-53P	MICK THE YANK 23 (B) (S Lansdown Racing) M Hedges-Ellis 5-10-4	K Gaule	89
510	P2600P/	THE OVERTRUMPER 576 (Mrs L Poppleton) G Roe 8-10-0	Philip Hughes (3)	–

Long handicap: The Overtrumper 9-7

BETTING: 9-4 Winsford Hill, 11-4 Durshan, 3-1 Dark Nightingale, 8-1 Goldenswift, 10-1 Mr Primetime, 14-1 Fox On The Run, Clash Of Cymbals, 16-1 others

1994: CACHE FLEUR 8-12-0 P Hide (5-1) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WINSFORD HILL beat Zahid 10l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good). DARK NIGHTINGALE 8½l 3rd of 13 to Newball Prince in novices' handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m, good). GOLDENSWIFT 14½l 5th of 16 to King Girseach in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good to soft) with MICK THE YANK pulled up 2 out. Previously beat Millmount 1½l in 8-runner maiden hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good) with MR PRIMETIME (10lb better off) 13l 3rd. DURSHAN beat Izacomin 6l in 6-runner novices' handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 4f, good).

CLASH OF CYMBALS 27½l 3rd of 9 to San Giorgio in novices' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good to soft).

Selection: DARK NIGHTINGALE

3.30 SONNING NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,604: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

601	861-241	TOUR LEADER 15 (D,F) (P Jones) R Buckler 6-11-10	G Supple (7)	73
602	0500-1P	SECRET BID 20 (D,F) (The Droop Partners) R Alner 5-11-6	Mr P Henley (5)	79
603	0/P54-	ALFION 272 (A Chadwick) C Weedon 6-11-0	D O'Sullivan	82
604	3-52	BARONET 16 (BF) (Mrs D Thompson) D Nicholson 5-11-0	D Bridgwater	88
605	0-05	BERTRAGHBOY BAY 7 (Mrs D Strauss) G Balding 5-11-0	B Clifford	–
606	4	HERMITE DU MANOIR 13 (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-11-0	G Bradley	82
607		ODELL (Mrs S Nelson) K Bailey 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	–
608	FP	RAINCHECK 11 (B) (Mrs G Worsley) M Campion 4-11-0	L Dace	–
609	0/	STARLIGHT FOOL 597 (S Bown) K Bailey 6-11-0	T J Murphy (3)	–
610	420-2	TENNESSEE TWIST 20 (Halewood International Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	W Marston	94
611	0-4	WOODFORD GALE 20 (Lady Lloyd Webber) N Henderson 5-11-0	J Osborne	68
612	62-2	YAHMI 8 (W Stud) J Old 5-11-0	T Grantham	[illegible]
613	0/	FORTITUDE STAR 667 (Mrs J Saunders) Mrs R Henderson 5-10-9	D Salter (5)	–

BETTING: 9-4 Tennessee Twist, 3-1 Yahmi, 5-1 Hermite Du Manoir, 6-1 Tour Leader, 8-1 Baronet, 10-1 Alfion, 12-1 Odell, Secret Bid, 14-1 others.

1994: FEEL THE POWER 6-11-0 N Williamson (Evens fav) K Bailey 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOUR LEADER beat Copper Coil 10l in 7-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, good to firm). SECRET BID beat San Giorgio neck in 7-runner novices' handicap hurdle at Towcester (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ALFION 14l 4th of 12 to Jack Button in maiden hurdle at Haydock (2m 6f, heavy) BARONET neck 2nd of 8 to Storm North in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, good to firm). TENNESSEE TWIST 2½l 2nd of 16 to Pleasure Shared in novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) with TOUR LEADER (4lb worse off) 30l 4th and SECRET BID pulled up 4 out. WOODFORD GALE 39l 4th of 16 to See More Business in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with BERTRAGHBOY BAY tailed off 9th. YAHMI 4l 2nd of 10 to See More Business in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good)

Selection: YAHMI

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Tompkins	6	19	31.6	P Carberry	3	5	60.0
Lady Herries	3	10	30.0	R Dunwoody	38	146	26.0
R Alner	4	15	26.7	J Osborne	38	149	25.5
O Sherwood	18	68	26.5	W Marston	5	25	20.0
I Balding	3	13	23.1	G McCourt	12	73	16.4
D Nicholson	24	106	22.6	S McNeill	9	55	16.4

☐ Brendan Powell gave up four of his rides at Taunton yesterday after a heavy fall from Pride Of Hayling in the first race. Powell confirmed that he intends to be back at Newbury today where he is booked to ride Calapaez in the Jacky Upton Handicap Chase.

England A quartet turn to club sides for match play

FROM PAT GIBSON
IN LAHORE

FOUR members of the England A cricket party in Pakistan will play in a club game here today as the touring players snatch whatever practice they can before their three-day match against the Patron's XI starts tomorrow.

Jason Pooley and Shaun Udal, who have not played for ten days, and Dominic Ostler, who has not had any meaningful batting for almost a fortnight, will turn out for one side or the other in a Gymkhana club fixture.

They will be joined by Ronnie Irani, who is then expected to be rested from the last match before the tour gathers momentum with the two remaining international matches and three one-day internationals.

The rest of the squad will be confined to 40 minutes' fielding practice on the Gymkhana outfield during the lunch interval because there are simply no other facilities available to them anywhere in Lahore. Today is a holiday and all the grounds are required for club games.

The Gaddafi Stadium, Pakistan's cricket headquarters, where the World Cup final will be played next year, is out of bounds because of construction work, and even Aitchison College, Imran Khan's *alma mater*, cannot provide the facilities that it had originally offered. Apparently, the "Eton of Pakistan" needs all its pitches for house matches.

International Management Group, the company engaged by Pakistani and Indian cricket authorities to run the World Cup next February and March, has called on the International Cricket Council for more prize-money. The winners will receive £20,000 while profits of more than £16 million are expected.

It is the kind of problem that it is not uncommon in some parts of the sub-continent or the Caribbean. John Emburey, the England A team manager, said: "It's a bit of a struggle at the moment. The boys have just had two days off, which they had earned by winning the first international inside two days, but now they are keen to get back to work. We will just have to make the best of what is available."

The shortage of practice is not expected to affect team selection. Ed Giddins and Dean Headley, the fast bowlers, will be rested so that Mike Smith, who has not bowled since he suffered a rib injury more than two weeks ago, and Tim Munton, who joins the party today as cover, can play.

☐ Aamir Sohail, the Pakistan batsman, was taken to hospital in Melbourne yesterday after being struck in the face by a bouncer from Waqar Younis during practice.

Aamir will miss the Pakistanis' four-day match against Victoria that starts today after having five stitches inserted in a wound above his mouth. Aamir was not wearing a helmet during the net practice at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. He is expected to be fit for the final Test against Australia, which starts in Sydney next Thursday.

Aamir, who leads the Pakistan batting averages for the Test series, failed to connect with an attempted hook shot.

British clubs to sit out European Cup's classic knockout stages

Elite prepare for thrilling last eight

BY PETER BALL

Kluivert, the Ajax forward, celebrates after scoring his side's second goal in their victory over Real Madrid in the Bernabeu Stadium

THE European Cup quarter-finals are beginning to take shape. After the penultimate games in the Champions' League on Wednesday, Panathinaikos and Borussia Dortmund joined Ajax, Juventus and Spartak Moscow, who had already qualified, in the knockout stage, leaving three places to play for.

With Porto and Real Madrid among the sides still in contention, it promises to be as strong a field as the competition has enjoyed for years. The absence of any British side makes that description all the harder to bear.

There may be a British manager involved, but Bobby Robson's Porto have a hard route if they are to qualify. Their draw with Nantes preserved the French club's two point advantage in group A. Twice Porto came from behind, and they had a glorious chance to win the game 15 minutes from time when they were given a penalty, but Oliveria missed from the spot.

"The game was there to be won," Robson said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for us. Now everything depends on whether we win in Aalborg."

In fact not only did Porto *need to win in Aalborg, but* they would also need Panathinaikos to win in France. A draw in France would send Nantes through as runners-up whatever Porto's result, the French team holding away goal advantage from their matches with Porto.

If Nantes win, they would qualify as group A winners and meet the runners-up from group B. Any other result will leave Panathinaikos as the group leaders.

Either way, overcoming group A's runners-up should not prove beyond Spartak, the winners in group B. Ajax's thrilling performance in Madrid on Wednesday surely confirmed that the holders are the outstanding team in the competition but Spartak looked an excellent side. If the timing of the next round does not disrupt them, as it has so many Russian sides in the past as they emerge from their winter, they should trouble any of the other challenges.

On Wednesday Spartak were excellent. From Nikiforov and his partner Onopko — two central defenders who attack from the back with the relish of the days before Herbert Chapman when centre-halves were regarded as attacking players — to the dangerous Alenitchev and the clever Tsymbalar, they not only outshone Blackburn technically, but matched them physically.

That was not a new lesson for Blackburn who, like Rangers in the much more testing group C, are now condemned to finish bottom of their group. Being beaten by Spartak is no disgrace but the Lancashire club's earlier results against ordinary sides like Legia and Rosenborg point to a worrying lesson for British football.

In the past British, and particularly English commitment and effort, courage and determination has enabled them to counter European technique. Now the European sides can match English teams physically as well.

But the technique remains superior. And what technique it is, even just in the basics. "You see Nikiforov strike a ball 80 yards, over a full-back's head, to drop at feet," enthused George Scanlan, Blackburn's interpreter who was once an amateur international. "Half the English players don't know how to kick the ball properly."

The strappings around Graeme Le Saux's hands on the retreat from Moscow suggested that some of them do not even know how to punch properly, let alone kick.

That result meant that Spartak have won all five games in their group, the only team to do so. If they win the sixth in Warsaw, Rosenborg will join them as qualifiers by drawing at Ewood Park. A draw in Warsaw would mean Rosenborg would have to win, and if Legia win they go through in second place.

In group C, the group of death, Rangers' fate was sealed by their failure to beat Steua. Paul Gascoigne illuminated an otherwise mundane performance with a wonderful goal, but, significantly, goalkeeper Goram was the outstanding Rangers player. Goram at least avoided the criticism from the Steua coach, Dumitiu Dumitriu who said the "eight Scots need to do more, they cannot leave it all to the foreign players".

The draw was no use to Steua, because Borussia Dortmund inflicted Juventus' first home European Cup defeat in 26 years to qualify in style.

With their own qualification assured, the Italians rested several players and were well beaten. Their goal came in the dying moments, just in time to maintain Del Piero's record of scoring in all five games. On paper Juventus should also be serious opposition for Ajax.

Unless there is a major upset in group D, where Ferencvaros would need to win in Amsterdam, Juventus will meet Real Madrid in the quarter-finals, bringing memories flooding back of Madrid's great era in the European Cup. The two met in the quarter-finals in 1961-62.

"They said Real don't kick," John Charles observed bitterly. "But they certainly kicked me." Del Piero be warned.

EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Panath'kos	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Nantes	5	2	2	1	8	6	8
FC Porto	5	1	3	1	4	3	6
Aalborg	5	1	0	4	3	10	3

RESULTS: Sept 13: Nantes 0 FC Porto 0. Sept 27: FC Porto 2 Aalborg 0; Panathinaikos 3 Nantes 1. Oct 18: Nantes 3 Aalborg 1; FC Porto 0 Panathinaikos 1. Oct 25: Aalborg 2, Panathinaikos 1 Nov 1: Panathinaikos 0 FC Porto 0; Aalborg 0 Nantes 2. Nov 22: FC Porto 2 Nantes 2; Panathinaikos 2 Aalborg 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 6: Nantes v Panathinaikos; Aalborg v FC Porto.

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Sp Moscow	5	5	0	0	14	4	15
L Warsaw	5	2	1	2	5	7	7
Rosenborg	5	2	0	3	10	12	6
Blackburn	5	0	1	4	1	7	1

RESULTS: Sept 13: Blackburn 0 Spartak Moscow 1; Legia Warsaw 3 Rosenborg 1 Sept 27: Rosenborg 2 Blackburn 1; Spartak Moscow 2 Legia Warsaw 1. Oct 18: Legia Warsaw 1 Blackburn 0; Rosenborg 2 Spartak Moscow 4. Nov 1: Spartak Moscow 4 Rosenborg 1; Blackburn 0 Legia Warsaw 0. Nov 22: Spartak Moscow 3 Blackburn 0; Rosenborg 4 Legia Warsaw 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 6: Legia Warsaw v Spartak Moscow; Blackburn v Rosenborg.

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Juventus	5	4	0	1	15	4	12
* B Dortmund	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
S Bucharest	5	1	2	2	2	5	5
Rangers	5	0	2	3	4	12	2

RESULTS: Sept 13: Borussia Dortmund 1 Juventus 3; Steaua Bucharest 1 Rangers 0. Sept 27: Juventus 3 Steaua Bucharest 0; Rangers 2 Borussia Dortmund 2. Oct 18: Juventus 4 Rangers 1; Borussia Dortmund 1 Steaua Bucharest 0. Nov 1: Rangers 0 Juventus 4; Steaua Bucharest 0 Borussia Dortmund 0. Nov 22: Rangers 1 Steaua Bucharest 1; Juventus 1 Borussia Dortmund 2.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 6: Borussia Dortmund v Rangers; Steaua Bucharest v Juventus.

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Ajax	5	4	1	0	11	1	13
Real Madrid	5	2	1	2	9	5	7
Ferencvaros	5	1	2	2	9	15	5
Grasshopper	5	0	2	3	3	11	2

RESULTS: Sept 13: Grasshopper Zurich 0 Ferencvaros 3; Ajax 1 Real Madrid 0. Sept 27: Real Madrid 2 Grasshopper Zurich 0; Ferencvaros 1 Ajax 5. Oct 18: Ajax 3 Grasshopper Zurich 0; Real Madrid 6 Ferencvaros 1. Nov 1: Grasshoppers Zurich 0 Ajax Amsterdam 0; Ferencvaros 1 Real Madrid 1. Nov 22: Real Madrid 0 Ajax Amsterdam 2; Ferencvaros 3 Grasshopper Zurich 3.

TO COME: Dec 6: Ajax v Ferencvaros; Grasshopper Zurich v Real Madrid.

** denotes qualified for quarter-finals*

QUARTER-FINALS

First leg: March 6. Second leg: March 20. Runners-up home in first leg.

1. Runner-up group B v winner group A.
2. Runner-up group A v Spartak Moscow.
3. Runner-up group D v Juventus.
4. Borussia Dortmund v Ajax.

SEMI-FINALS

First leg: April 3. Second leg: April 17. Draw to determine venues

Winner of quarter-final 1 v winner of quarter-final 4.
Winner of quarter-final 2 v winner of quarter-final 3.

FINAL

May 15: Venue to be announced

FA prepares to launch Brighton inquiry

THE Football Association is expected to announce a detailed investigation into the affairs of Brighton and Hove Albion after a visit to council offices in Hove yesterday.

John Ryder, an FA vice-president, and two colleagues met yesterday with the Hove council leader, Ivor Caplin, and colleagues from Brighton Borough Council. It is understood that the FA discovered the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club had not purchased a site for a new stadium as they had advised a Lancaster Gate panel 24 hours earlier.

Councillors have assured the FA they will provide a site for a stadium and other leisure facilities. They will not permit the club to build the 200,000 square feet of retail outlets it says it needs to finance its own development.

Brighton are scheduled to vacate the Goldstone Ground in June; the ground has been sold to Chartwell Properties for £7.4 million. Hove council is negotiating with Chartwell to allow the club to remain there until June 1997 when a new stadium is in place.

Caplin said last night, "I understand from the FA that Bill Archer, the Brighton chairman, told the FA he had purchased a site for the new ground. I can only say that the FA may have been misled, no site has been purchased."

Barry Fry, the Birmingham City manager, was last night negotiating to sign Nigel Clough, the Liverpool forward, and Vinny Samways, the Everton midfield player, in time for the important first division match with Leicester City at St Andrew's on Sunday.

Aldershot paying for cup successes

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

ALDERSHOT Town, of the Icis League first division, travel to play Gloucester City, of the Beazer Homes League premier division, tomorrow in one of the cross-pyramid fixtures thrown up by the third qualifying round of the Umbro FA Trophy.

For Aldershot, the tie is another in a welter of distractions from the serious business of trying to hoist themselves into the premier division and its avenue to the Vauxhall Conference. So far, they have won ten out of 11 matches in the FA Cup, FA Trophy, Guardian Insurance League Cup, Carlton Cup and Hampshire Senior Cup — their only defeat being by Ashford Town in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Aldershot's league form has been much less impressive as they flounder in mid-table, with five defeats from 12 matches. This comes after Aldershot's first two seasons had produced promotions and, after a late surge, they missed out on a third on goal difference to Chertsey Town last season. Steve Wigley, who replaced Steve Wignall as manager in January, said that form was found only when he was finally blessed with an injury-free, settled side.

His casualty-list for the trip to Gloucester may prove the point. Jeff Wood, a striker recently signed from Barking, is cup-tied, and two other forwards, Roy Young, who has a hernia, and John Humphrey, who sustained a gash in his leg that needed ten stitches on his first outing after a cartilage operation, also will be missing. So, too, will be Tony Cleeve, a defender bought for £3,500 from Basingstoke Town, who has damaged ankle ligaments. "The problem with cup matches is all the injuries and bookings you pick up," Wigley said.

This does not mean rushing out to buy replacements, as the club is uncompromising in its refusal to live beyond its means. "People see the crowds of 1,600 we get at the Recreation Ground and they know players think it's a good set-up," Wigley said, "but the Rec is a bit of a black hole. It's very expensive to maintain and renovate and we have to pay rent to play here.

"The club's been bust once and we're going to ensure it doesn't happen again. We haven't got the resources of clubs who own their grounds and social facilities. I think we're good enough to go up again and I'm sure that, when the time comes and I want to sign somebody, the board will back me."

Gloucester, by contrast, with less support, have pushed money towards their ambition of reaching the Conference. They have been boosted by the goals of Paul Milsom, signed from Oxford United. Yet the efforts of Keith Gardner, the chairman, have been put in the shade by Rushden and Diamonds, who, backed by Max Griggs, have taken an early grip in the title race.

Ware, of the Icis second division, this week became the latest club to move to a new ground, leaving Buryfield to the neighbouring Glaxo pharmaceutical company and taking possession of Wodson Park.

Surprise defeat for Harris in Karachi

DEL HARRIS, of Great Britain, the losing finalist in the world open squash championship, was surprisingly beaten by Jonathan Powers, of Canada, in the second round of the Pakistan Open yesterday. Powers, who had to fight his way through the qualifying tournament, beat Harris, the No 5 seed, 8-15, 14-15, 15-9, 15-6, 15-10.

Chris Walker, of England, the No 4 seed, reached the last eight with a straight-games win over Abdul Faheem Khan, of Hong Kong. Walker edged home 17-15 in the opening game, but faced little opposition against a tiring opponent in the next two games which he won 15-13, 15-10.

Medal haul

Shooting: Louise Minett, 20, from Gosport, won the women's air rifle event at the Commonwealth Federation championships in Delhi yesterday with 494.3. She and Tessa Lunn, last year's British women's open champion, also took a silver for England in the pairs event.

Carol Page and Margaret Thomas had a similar double in the pistol shoting when Page won the individual with 667.6 and they won the pairs gold with 1,119. Robin Law and David Rattray, of Scotland, won the pairs gold with 1,148. Thomas Allen, of Northern Ireland, capped the day with gold in the individual trap event.

Opening task

Bowls: Andy Thomson, who hopes to become the first man to win the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles title three times in succession since David Bryant in 1981, yesterday learnt he will play Kelvin Kerkow, of Australia, in the first round at Preston Guild Hall next February.

Margaret Johnston, the women's world outdoor champion, and Joyce Lindores, her indoor counterpart, will both play seeded Welshmen. Johnston meets John Price, the No 11 seed, and Lindores takes on Stephen Rees, her Swansea clubmate and No 10 seed.

Shock defeat

Rugby union: Leicester suffered a surprise 35-14 defeat by Hawke's Bay, the New Zealand provincial side, in the first round of the Dubai Exiles international sevens yesterday. Bill Drake-Lee scored a try that John Liley converted, and Liley also converted a penalty try but Hawke's Bay, boasting three of the New Zealand squad that has won in Hong Kong for the past two years, then took control.

Bray recovers

Real tennis: Chris Bray, the Petworth professional, trailed by two sets to love before staging a magnificent fightback to defeat Frank Filippelli, of Australia, in the quarter-finals of the British Land championship at the Queen's Club yesterday 2-6, 5-6, 6-3, 6-5, 6-4.

Berger escapes

Motor racing: Gerhard Berger emerged unscathed from a crash at Estoril yesterday as the Austrian tried out the Benetton Renault for the first time in a private practice session. "I don't know what happened," the former Ferrari driver, said.

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FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

KELVIN HALL: Glasgow Scottish Open: Men: First round: J Laugesen (Den) bt K Erichsen (Guat) 7-15, 15-3, 15-4; H Bengtsson (Swe) bt M Korshuk (Belo) 15-8, 15-8; T Wapp (Switz) bt P Kreulisch (Austria) 13-15, 15-6, 15-3; A Bush (Eng) bt M C Schultz (Peru) 15-5, 3-15, 15-7; K Han (US) bt D Zieba (Pol) 15-8, 15-5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 129 Charlotte 124; New York 84 Cleveland 84; Washington 98 Detroit 97; Miami 103 Golden State 93; Orlando 95 Vancouver 93; Houston 115 Philadelphia 106; Seattle 108 Minnesota 97; Chicago 103 San Antonio 94; Milwaukee 96 Toronto 86; Phoenix 117 Atlanta 112; Utah 116 Sacramento 95; LA Clippers 125 New Jersey 92.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester Riders 98 (Aigner 36, Harris 26, Temming 14) Leopards 96 (Brown 35, Youngblood 28, Baker 10).

7-UP TROPHY: Quarter-final, first leg: Manchester Giants 78 (Beeson 26, Robinson 24, Gardner 11) Sheffield Sharks 81 (Huggins 28, Cauthorn 24, Finch 10); Worthing Bears 86 (Irish 28, Cunningham Plair and Bailey 17) Derby Storm 88 (Leahy 21, Simms 20, Samuels 18).

BOXING

SHEFFIELD: World Boxing Organisation light-middleweight championship (12 rnds): Paul Jones (GB) bt Verno Phillips (US, holder) pts. Central area light-heavyweight championship: (10 rnds): Michael Gale (Leeds) bt Simon McDougal (Blackpool). Super-middleweight: 8 rnds: C Woods (Mossborough) bt Andy Ewen (Ipswich) rsc 2nd rnd; 6rnds: D Redford (Hemsworth) bt D Swords (Manchester) pts. Welter (6 rnds): J Barker (Sheffield) bt D Covill (Welling) pts. Light-welter (6 rnds): G Beardsley (Belper) drew with R Swallow (Northampton). Fly (6 rnds): S Williams (Mansfield) bt N Parry (Middlesbrough) pts.

CRICKET

MACKAY, Australia: Tour match (second day of four): Queensland 305 (A Symonds 73, J P Maher 50) and 13-0; Sri Lankans (A Ranatunga 77; Kasprowicz 7-64).

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea 3 Bolton 2; Coventry 0 Man United 4; Everton 2 Queens Park Rangers 0; Manchester City 1 Wimbledon 0; West Ham 0 United Liverpool 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace 3 Wolverhampton Wanderers 2; Ipswich 1 Southend 1; Stoke 1 Sunderland 0; Tranmere Rovers 2 Port Vale 1

FA CUP: First round: Altrincham 0 Crewe 2. First round replay: Farnborough 0 Brentford 4.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hibernian 3 Partick 0.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Droylsden 0 Barrow 4. First division: Bradford P A 2 Eastwood Town 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Corby 2 Buckingham Town 3. Southern division: Forest Green 4 Weston-super-Mare 0. Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Newport AFC 2 Merthyr Tydfil 1

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Collier Row 1 Metropolitan Police 1.

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Group one: First round: Caernarfon 2 Bangor City 0; Conwy 1 Porthmadog 3. Group five: First round: Ton Pentre 4 Ebbw Vale 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 2 Chelsea 1; Charlton 2 Bristol Rovers 0; Luton 1 Southampton 0; Norwich 1 Oxford Utd 0, Watford 0 Portsmouth 1; Bristol City 1 Millwall 2 Second division: Bath 1 Swansea 6; Bournemouth 3 Plymouth 2. Postponed: Birmingham v Newport.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Notts County 2 Oldham 3; Sheffield Utd 3 Nottm Forest 1; Sheffield Wed 0 Newcastle 0. Second division: Blackpool 4 Hull 0; Grimsby 1 Preston 1; Middlesbrough 4 Barnsley 1; Mansfield 0 Rotherham 4 Third division: Darlington 1 Carlisle 0; Rochdale 0 Lincoln 0; Scarborough 1 Chester 0; Bury 4 Wrexham 2.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second round: Durham 4 Whitby 1; Guisborough Tn 1 Crook 1; Seaham Red Star 2 Peterlee Newtown 1; Prudhoe 2 Goole 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: First round replay: Exeter 3 Dulwich Hamlet 2. Second round: Liverpool 4 Bradford 2; Peterborough 1 Norwich 1; Tottenham 4 Shrewsbury 1; Northampton 0 West Brom 1; Torquay 0 Hereford 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1 Tow Law 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridport 1 Tiverton 4.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Endsleigh 1 Shortwood 1; Fairford 6 Didcot 0; Lambourn Sports 2 Swindon Supermarine 0; North Leigh 3 Cirencester 4.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Knowles Cup: Hertfordshire 3, Buckinghamshire 1. FA Premier League under-19 Trophy: Kent 5 Surrey 1. Representative match: South West England 4 South Wales 0. Greater Manchester Cup: Semi-final: Winstanley College, Wigan 3 Xaverian College, Manchester 2.

GOLF

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL: Guadalmina: 66: J Mellor (Worksop). 67: H Buhrmann (SA), I Feliu (Sp), T Gogele (Ger). 68: M Muehr (US). 69: P Nyberg (Swe), T Sheaff (Trent Park), P Sjoland (Swe), A Collison (King's Lynn), R Coles (Maylands). 70: S Pullan (Sand Moor), B Nelson (US), A Beal (Erlestoke Sands), D Howell (Broome Manor), J Quiros (Sp), R Sailer (Austria). 71: P Harrington (Stackstown), M Krantz (Swe), W Bennett (Eng), A Butterfield (Chislehurst), D R Jones (Three Rivers), F Andersson (Swe), A Lovelace (Hoebridge), D Lee (Wanstead), R Jacqueline (France), A Crerar (Downfield), C Post (Denmark), B Tinning (Den), T Edlund (Swe), K Saunders (Barton-on-Sea). San Roque: 67: R May (US); 69: F Cea (Sp) 70: R Russell (Longniddry), G Clark (Pinner Hill), S Henderson (King's Link), N Henning (SA), O Sellberg (Swe), R Muntz (Hol). 71: A Cabrera (Arg), C Suneson (England), A Tillman (Wilderness), J Garcia (Spain), A Lebouc (Fr), M Wills (Rhondda). 72: M Tunnicliff (England), S Brown (England); C Smellie (North Manchester), E Simsek (Germany), D Lynn (Trentham), F Roca (Spain), R Budde (Denmark), F Howley (Milltown)

KINGSTON HEATH, Melbourne: Australian Open: First round (Australia unless stated): 68: R Whitlock, L Stephen, D Bransdon, P McWhinney, L Tinkler 69: M Campbell (NZ), P Moss (US), P Devenport (NZ), G Waite (NZ), W Grady. Other scores: 70: B Faxon (US). 72: M Hallberg (Swe), G Norman. 73: B Jackson (Eng), J-L Guepy (Fr), J Daly (US), J van de Velde (Fr), S Richardson (Eng). 74: G Evans (Eng). 77: A Cejka (Ger) 85: S Bottomley (Eng) (withdrew).

HOCKEY

CAPE TOWN: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: China 2 South Africa 1; Canada 1 Holland 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	5	4	0	1	6	2	8
Korea	5	3	1	1	11	5	7
Argentina	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Britain	5	2	2	1	7	7	6
Holland	6	1	3	2	11	12	5
China	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
South Africa	6	1	1	4	4	9	3
Canada	6	1	1	4	2	6	3

☐ *Top five countries qualify for Olympic Games.*

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hartford 4 Montreal 2; Detroit 5 San Jose 2; NY Islanders 5 Los Angeles 2; Winnipeg 3 Ottawa 1; NY Rangers 4 Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 3 New Jersey 1, Dallas 4 Vancouver 3; Colorado 6 Chicago 2; Edmonton 2 Anaheim 0.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Land Open championship (GB unless stated): Doubles: First round: C Bray and M Gooding bt M Seigneur (Fr) and M Ryan 6-2, 6-2, 6-3; R Gunn and P Tabley (Aus) bt S Ronaldson and A Snelgrove 6-0, 6-1, 6-1, L Deuchar (Aus) and C Ronaldson bt J Beaumont and F Wills 6-0, 6-1, 6-3; M Devine and K Sheldon bt N Pendrigh and J Acheson-Gray 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J Snow and N Wood bt D Jones and A Philips 6-3, 6-5, 6-4; J Howell and J Male bt H Lathem and A Lyons 6-2, 6-3, 6-0; P Brake and M Hayward bt A Oliver and K Ludekens 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; R Fahey (Aus) and F Filippelli (Aus) bt B McFarlane (Aus) and K King 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool C: Pontypridd 31 Milan 12.

TOUR MATCH: Bristol 12 Transvaal 26.

CLUB MATCHES: Cheltenham 8 Vaal Triangle (SA) 8; Rugby 25 Nuneaton 17.

HART GILMORE FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Derbyshire 17 Greater Birmingham 33; Shropshire 16 Worcestershire and Herefordshire 40.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Cup: RGS High Wycombe 48 Windsor 14. Devon Cup: Semi-final: West Buckland 15 Plymouth Coll 5. Other matches: Llandovery Coll 27 Downside 12; Woodbridge 28 King's, Ely 23.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship: Second round (England unless stated): J Parrott bt W Thorne 9-3; C Small (Scot) bt M Flowerdew 9-2; D Taylor (N Ire) bt D Morgan (Wales) 9-8; W Jones (Wales) bt P Hunter 5-3; N Bond (Eng) bt A Knowles 9-4; S Hendry (Scot) bt A Hamilton 9-3; M Williams (Wales) bt A Drago (Malta) 9-7; P Ebdon bt M Stevens (Wales) 9-6; A Hicks bt M Bennett (Wales) 9-7; J Wattana (Thai) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 9-6; A Hicks (Eng) bt M Bennett (Wales) 9-7; S Lee (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng) 9-7.

TENNIS

EINDHOVEN, Holland: World doubles championship: Red group: C Suk and D Vacek (Cz) bt M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) 6-3, 7-5; T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt T Ho (US) and B Steven (NZ) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Blue group: G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt R Leach and S Melville (US) 6-3, 6-2; J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt L Lobo (Arg) J Sanchez (Sp) 7-5, 6-1.

FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Club match

London Scottish v Richmond (7 15)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (7.45): Cork v Bohemians; Shelbourne v Drogheda.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Haverhill v Hadleigh U; Sudbury v Newmarket.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).

BASKETBALL: 7-Up Trophy: Quarter-final, first leg: Thames Valley v London (7 15).

BOXING: British light-heavyweight championship: Crawford Ashley (Leeds, holder) v Maurice Core (Manchester) (Bowlers, Manchester).

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship (Preston); world amateur championship (Bristol).

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Thompson makes call for team approach to programme of reform

Champion of young combating despair

David Miller *in Manchester on the crusade by a karate past master to rid the streets of crime*

YOUTH crime today costs Great Britain £7 billion a year. In perhaps one of the most intense personal campaigns since William Wilberforce's for the abolition of slavery, the Youth Charter for Sport (YCS) was launched in Manchester yesterday.

The founder, inspiration and life-force of the YCS, a man who will talk you to the point of exhaustion in three hours, or less, given the chance, is Geoff Thompson. When Thompson was a violent, disorientated boy committed to unspecific vengeance on a society that he felt had disowned him, his mother forecast his lifestyle would find him dead by the age of 20.

Rescued from the streets of Hackney, east London, by the Sobell Centre in Islington, taught the self-discipline of karate, which channelled his aggression, Thompson became the world champion five times. In astonishment and gratitude at the transformation in his life, and for his achievements, the hyperactive Thompson is attempting to create an institution that will rescue other youngsters from the streets, gangland and despair.

Yesterday, after a reception in Manchester hosted by the Duke of Westminster and attended by Manchester City Council leaders, corporate business and youth agencies, promises of funding in cash and kind were pouring into YCS coffers. The initiative is one that has drawn the attention not only of the Conservative Government, but also of government and youth agencies in gang-torn Los Angeles, in Cape Town and in Johannesburg. Thompson is a consultant in both countries.

"If we could pocket the enthusiasm shown today, we could achieve so much," Thompson said after the launch, which was attended also by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, never mind that the heart of Thompson's social renaissance lies in Moss Side, within a few hundred yards of Manchester City's Maine Road ground.

This was an area where, only a few years ago, city councillors dared not tread. Or journalists, for that matter. Murders were commonplace, vandalism rampant and unchecked. Even the supervisor at one leisure centre was kidnapped. Security guards at Nia Leisure Centre wore bulletproof vests: entrances had electronic metal detectors.

In barely two years, establishing an unprecedented relationship with local youth and schools, Thompson has transformed facilities such as Proctor Youth Centre, Hulme, the Nia centre and the Moss Side Youth Centre.

CHRIS LOURE

Thompson, left, voices the ideas that have helped to steer youngsters away from trouble in Manchester's Moss Side

For half a day, I toured with him the Moss Side streets. So derelict had the area been that the only occupation of older people was fear. Today, the centres are safe, busy, a thriving picture of racially-integrated social life.

White, black and Asian children learn to swim side by side: mothers and teenagers work at aerobics in the gymnasiums.

The Moss Side Youth Centre has 18 part-time staff, three volunteers and a participant turnover of 5,000 a week. Eighteen projects of the YCS have already raised £1 million. Thompson needs and seeks millions more.

"For a fraction of the cost of crime, we can steer a great many antisocial young people away from drugs and violence by giving them an opportunity to develop a life through sport," Thompson said. "Many of Britain's top athletes have used sport to overcome social disadvantage. I'm one of them."

The progress is visible, tangible and exciting. A football team, Moss Side Amateurs, drawn exclusively from gangland, lead the local league, yet for the time being they play on a pitch where there is no changing-room, no toilet. If someone would provide the cash, they would find the voluntary bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters and electricians.

South Africa, which wants to copy Thompson's initiative, has sent the first multicultural football side, an under-23 Olympic squad that will play Manchester United's youth side.

In 1993, shortly after the Los Angeles riots, a group of 20 youngsters visited Moss Side. The next year, against all advice, the YCS organised a return visit for 16 children in a party led by Dame Mary Glen Haig, a member of the International Olympic Committee, and organised by Thompson together with Billy Hughes and Pauline Weir, two youth leaders. The trip was a huge success.

"Today's launch has given us a national platform," Thompson said yesterday, "but all agencies concerned with youth and schools must work together. Without a collective national approach, we will not be able to redirect the violent way of life as seen in America. We need a response from the Home Office as much as the Department of Education. The YCS can perhaps produce a few sports winners, but the overall benefit is to the whole of society. I can't now do any more on my own."

Jones earns lucrative reward for surprise title victory

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

PAUL JONES, who was out of work and broke barely 12 months ago, has an excellent chance of securing his future in the new year. After his victory on Wednesday at Sheffield when, to the surprise of many experts, he lifted the World Boxing Organisation's (WBO) light middleweight title by outpointing Verno Phillips, of the United States, the champion, he has two lucrative contests ahead of him: a mandatory defence against Bronko McCart, another American, and a meeting with Adrian Dodson, the talented Londoner.

"It's a fairy-story," Freddie King, Jones's trainer, said. "He was skint and on the dole. Now, he has a top-of-the-range car and is buying a house. He's got his confidence back."

Jones retired two years ago after being knocked out by Paul Wesley, of Birmingham, but King revived his interest in boxing last January by using him as a sparring partner for his other boxers. "I didn't want to get back in the ring," Jones said. "Freddie King helped me a lot."

Barry Hearn, the London promoter, helped to secure a world title chance by telling Bob Arum, Phillips's American promoter, that Jones was an easy touch. "We knew that, if Jones could get past the first four rounds, he would box his ears off," Hearn said. "So a big ring and English gloves, which are softer than the Reyes gloves [preferred by punchers], were a big help."

Even with the softer gloves, Jones found himself on the floor in the first round and for the next six rounds stayed well clear of the American's right hand by refusing to commit himself to a battle.

Phillips, who had to step on the scales three times before making the weight, started to feel the effects of weight reduction in the middle rounds and Jones came back into the contest. He took the last four rounds comfortably to secure victory on a split decision.

☐ Steve Collins, the WBO super-middleweight champion, is reluctant to meet Ray Close, his former stablemate. Close was refused a third contest with Chris Eubank when he failed a brain scan. Though he has passed subsequent examinations, Collins said: "I have no intention of doing anything that might jeopardise his health."

Electronic net judge may make debut in Australia

By Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent

THE electronic device that is to replace the net cord judge during Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour events next year is not yet certain to be used during the Australian Open in January. A formal decision may be announced during the Grand Slam Cup, which starts in Munich on December 5.

The machine, which gives the umpire a visual and audible signal, is the third technological aid to enter professional tennis.

The first, known as Cyclops, measures whether or not a service is long and, though it tends now and then to malfunction, has become an accepted feature.

The second, set beneath all the lines on the court, was to have been introduced at the US Open last year. However, it worked so erratically during belated trials that the proposal was rejected.

During extensive testing and after recent modifications, the new apparatus has gained the significant approval of players and officials.

The least significant member of the judges positioned around the perimeter of the court promises no longer to be a regular sight at men's events.

Net cord judges were considered to be increasingly in danger from services that are nowadays customarily propelled by men at speeds of up to 136mph (the fastest recorded by Greg Rusedski). Protective headgear and glasses have been worn this year as precautionary measures.

They might have been made redundant sooner or later, anyway. Consideration has already been given to the thought that all net cords should be regarded as a natural element of fortune in the game. That has yet to gain either widespread support or official recognition.

The International Tennis Federation is to discuss the latest electronic implement at a meeting in Munich.

Nevertheless, the ATP, apparently a more potent body, has already concluded that it should be in operation whenever, in future, it is at work.

☐ Tim Henman, the Great Britain No 2, reached the quarter-finals of the ATP Challenger tournament in Andorra yesterday with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Michael Joyce, of the United States, in the second round.

Tout promises medal rivals a run for their money

Tout: improving

By Chris Moore

COMPLETE with the latest appliance of science — this time by courtesy of the National Lottery rather than Zanussi, the team's sponsor — Mark Tout resumes his campaign this weekend to secure Great Britain's first world championship bobsleigh medal for 30 years. Tout, 34, goes into his eleventh season as a driver with a £20,000 state-of-the-art Dresden sled capable, he believes, of achieving his ambition.

The former soldier finished fifth in the two and four-man competitions at the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, and improved on that by one place in the four-man event at the world championships in Winterberg, Germany, last season.

The world championships this season are being held from February 12 to 24 in Calgary, Canada: he has won medals in the past three World Cup races staged there. Tout's four-man crew also won successive silver medals at the 1994 and 1995 European championships.

"My main target is still an Olympic medal at the 1998 Winter Games in Japan, which will almost certainly be my last race before retirement," Tout said, "but that's still 27 months away. We've been inching nearer and nearer to the top crews over the past few years and, but for one little mistake in last year's world championships, we'd have been in the top three."

The season begins in Lillehammer this weekend with the first of six World Cup races culminating in the final round in St Moritz in January, which doubles as the European championships. The other venues are Winterberg, Königssee (Germany), La Plagne (France) and Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy).

This year, for the first time in the World Cup series, both two and four-man races are being staged during the same weekend to assist with television coverage.

SPORTS LETTERS

Pitfalls of qualifying system

From Mr Paul Denza

Sir, In the European football championship qualifying match between France and Israel last week, nobody could seriously have complained if the French, who were leading 2-0, had deliberately scored two own goals at the end.

With Romania beating Slovakia, France's second place in the group was assured, but, by allowing them two late goals, France could have elevated Israel to fourth place in the group above Poland, whereby France's marginally superior record against Israel would have been taken into account when determining best-placed runners-up. France, as sixth-best-placed runners-up, had little to spare in avoiding the need for a play-off match.

With progress possible through compromised performance, the pitfalls of the qualification system are clear to see. If matches against lesser teams are to be disregarded, why play them at all?

Yours sincerely,
PAUL DENZA,
85 Redington Road, NW3.

Lack of dissent

From Mr D. J. Watkins

Sir, One element of South African rugby in recent matches seems worthy of special comment.

Against England at Twickenham last Saturday, when a perfectly valid touchdown was disallowed and was followed by a "try" in a position where the ball had not been touched down, the players did not dissent.

This follows the non-dissent in the recent World Cup final, when a legitimate try (from a pushover when the referee was out of position) was not awarded.

Yours sincerely,
D. J. WATKINS,
62 Dean Street, W1.

Startling shot

From Dr E. Young

Sir, Your picture of Sound Man (November 20 and below) must be the hurdling photograph of the year. Bright sunshine catches his blaze and the startling crescent of white around the pupil. His jet black shadow, draped over a dappled hurdle, sets off flash of shoes and sheen of flank; and above all is the crouched concentration of the jockey.

I am not a racegoer, nor an artist, but I found this shot by Ed Byrne quite stunning.

Yours sincerely,
E. YOUNG,
68 Beech Lane,
Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

Time to have Irish captain

From Mr Peter Hughes

Sir, Considering the sevice Irish professional golfers have given to Ryder Cup teams over the years, it is surprising that an Irishman has not yet been honoured with the captaincy.

Those responsible for selecting the successor to Bernard Gallacher will find it difficult to find a better candidate than Christy O'Connor Jr.

He is a gentleman in every sense of the world, with a long and successful career, who has overcome the difficult task of following in the footsteps of his illustrious uncle and is highly respected by his peers throughout the golfing world.

He is the ideal man to lead the European team in 1997 and, with Seve Ballesteros hopefully back in top form, they could form an unbeatable partnership.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HUGHES,
19 Pentland Avenue,
Shepshed, Loughborough,
Leicestershire.

Street credibility

From Mr Jack Thomas

Sir, Dr Roger Morgan's theory, supported by Lord Aberdare (Sports Letters, November 10), that real tennis originated in the shape of medieval streets is attractive.

However, medieval streets were usually extremely narrow whereas a real tennis court is at least 38ft wide: a street is by definition open at both ends, but a real tennis court has walls at both ends; real tennis is played on a court (ie, a courtyard), enclosed by the sort of buildings which surely surrounded it originally.

Yours faithfully,
JACK THOMAS,
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Davis and Pace defy elements

AT THE end of a windy day at the world match-racing yachting championships off Auckland, New Zealand, yesterday, Rod Davis, the home favourite, and Bertrand Pace, the defending champion from France, are sure of a place in the semi-finals. Behind them are five crews fighting for the two remaining positions.

Racing on the Waitemata Harbour was a hectic test of boat-handling in winds that blew constantly at more than 20 knots and often topped 30 knots. Given the weight of wind, it was a tribute to the skills of the world's leading match-racers that very little damage was done.

Davis's unbeaten run was broken by Magnus Holmberg, of Sweden, but he answered with another unbroken string of victories and, by the day's end, had notched up 13 wins in 14 starts. Pace was next on the leaderboard with ten wins.

Ed Baird, the No 2 seed from the United States, had eight wins, two clear of four skippers all tied on six — Peter Gilmour, the No 1 seed from Australia, Roy Heiner, of Holland, Holmberg and Markus Wieser, of Germany.

Racing was stopped for more than two hours as the wind increased, but a gale warning for today galvanised the racers back into action in the hope of getting through the programme.

☐ New Zealand will mount only a single syndicate defence of the America's Cup, Sir Peter Blake, the Team New Zealand leader, said yesterday.

Blake, who confirmed that the defence would take place in Hauraki Gulf, off the Auckland coast, in late February or early March, 2000, said that it had been decided that a single syndicate would have the best chance of harnessing New Zealand's resources against what is expected to be a record number of challengers.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The "trap pass" is seen less now than it used to be, but there are still some hands on which it is a useful approach. This is a deal from the Sowter — Rosen match in the BBL Premier League.

Dealer North **North - South vulnerable** **IMP's**

North:
♠ K 9 3
♥ -
♦ Q J 10 8 2
♣ A J 10 8 6

West:
♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q J 7 6 5
♦ 9 4
♣ 7 5 3

East:
♠ A J 5 4
♥ A
♦ A K 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 2

South:
♠ 8 7 6
♥ K 10 9 8 4 3 2
♦ 7
♣ K 4

W	N	E	S
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All pass

Contract: Two Hearts doubled, by South Lead: Nine of Diamonds

I think that East (Phil King) bid his hand well. It is often best, when your principal suit is bid on your right, to pass and await developments. When North - South subsided in Two Hearts and it came back to East, he was in a position to double for take-out.

This was bound to be based on a strong hand with good diamonds and short hearts — otherwise, East would have taken action on the first round. It was not difficult for West to pass the double.

East won the king of diamonds and played the ace. Senior ruffed low, then played king, ace and another club, ruffing low. He continued with a spade towards dummy on which Rosen alertly inserted the ten. Thus, the defence was able to take three spade tricks and also got three trump tricks to beat the contract by two.

At the other table, Roman Smolski, our team-mate, doubled the opening One Diamond, and North - South were allowed to wriggle off the hook in the confusion. East - West eventually played 3 NT, going down.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AGNOSIA
a. A white rock plant
b. Loss of perception
c. Lack of faith

AGLEY
a. Ugly
b. A Cornish pixy stone
c. Awry

BOUVARDIA
a. A Mexican plant
b. Boasting
c. A Russian ox-cart

DAUNCY
a. Pleased with oneself
b. Delicate
c. Dapper and jaunty

Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Campomanes resigns

In an extraordinary move, Florencio Campomanes, the colourful and controversial president of the World Chess Federation (Fide), has resigned his post at a meeting of the world body in Paris. For many years, Campomanes and Garry Kasparov, the world champion, formed two mutually hostile armed camps. This culminated in Kasparov's decision, two years ago, to break away and form the rival Professional Chess Association (PCA). The past two world championship matches, London 1993 and New York 1995, have been played under PCA auspices.

A year ago, during the 1994 Moscow Chess Olympiad, Campomanes and Kasparov came together to hammer out a deal that would reunify the bodies. It was this compromise that was rejected by delegates in Paris by a unanimous vote of 30-0, thus causing Campomanes's resignation.

A reunification world championship match between the champions of the PCA and of Fide had been scheduled for 1996. A key first step was that Fide had to produce its own champion and Campomanes had been accused of dragging his heels over finding sponsorship for this contest.

The front runner as new Fide president is Kirsan Ilumzinov, 33, a chess lover who is already President of Kalmykia, an autonomous republic of the Russian Federation. Moves are also afoot, now that Campomanes has been swept aside, to organise the Fide championship between Anatoly Karpov, of Russia, and Gata Kamsky, of the United States. The city of Montreal has offered a SFr 1.7 million (about £1 million) prize to stage this event next spring.

Miles loses

Tony Miles lost again in the Zonal tournament in Linares, Spain, but still retains chances of qualifying for the next stage.

White: Tony Miles
Black: Loek van Wely
Linares Zonal, November 1995

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	Ne4
3	Bf4	d5
4	e3	Bf5
5	f3	Nf6
6	g4	Bg6
7	h4	h5
8	g5	Nfd7
9	Bd3	Bxd3
10	Qxd3	Nc6
11	g6	f6
12	Nc3	Nb6
13	Qf5	Qd7
14	Qxd7+	Kxd7
15	0-0-0	e6
16	e4	Ne7
17	Nge2	Nxg6
18	Rdg1	Nxf4
19	Nxf4	c6
20	Nce2	Rh7
21	Rg6	Ke7
22	Nd3	Kf7
23	Nef4	dxe4
24	fxe4	Rd8
25	c3	c5
26	dxc5	Na4
27	Rhg1	e5

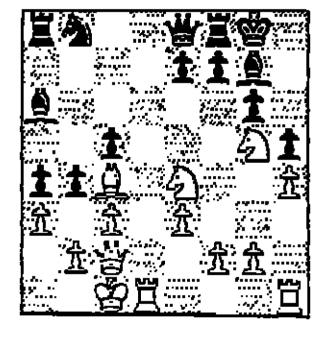
White resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Rudd — Sheldon, British championship, Swansea, 1995. Black's position looks reasonably secure, but her kingside is short of defenders. How did White exploit this in dramatic fashion?



Solution on page 46

England leave Moore in isolation

By David Hands
and Mark Souster

DOORS that once seemed wide open for Brian Moore and Simon Shaw are closing fast. Moore, dropped by England this season, remains outside the national rugby union squad that will train at Marlow next week and the unfortunate Shaw faces an operation today that will determine his long-term future.

Moore will lead London against the North at Wakefield tomorrow aiming to prove his critics wrong, especially as Simon Mitchell, his club rival at Harlequins, was yesterday selected by England as one of nine additions to the 21 who constituted the match party against South Africa last Saturday.

Mitchell is a newcomer to the training squad, as is James Naylor, the Orrell wing. They will be joined by Tim Stimpson, Nick Greenstock, Andy Gomarsall, Darren Garforth, Rory Jenkins, Tony Diprose, and Paul Hull, the Bristol captain and full back, who had been contemplating a move to centre in order to impress the selectors once more.

In other respects, it has been a bad week for Bristol. Two of their younger players, David John and Altan Ozdemir, have left the club after a disagreement over prospective remuneration, while Shaw contemplates, at best, the ruin of his season. Playing against Transvaal on Wednesday, he suffered an horrific injury that left him with a double dislocation of the left ankle, a broken shin bone and torn tendons and ligaments.

Shaw, 22, announced his potential as a late replacement on the England tour to South Africa in 1994. He played for the A team last season and was expected to be part of the World Cup squad before he damaged medial ligaments in February. This season, he has struggled with a hip injury but was part of the national training squad until the accident on Wednesday that, even if the operation is successful, will entail a long period of convalescence.

Shaw: convalescence

Cronin: operation

His place in the London team tomorrow goes to Mick Watson, of Harlequins, and Guy Gregory will play at stand-off half after the withdrawal of David Pears, who is still inconvenienced by the ankle injury that he suffered last month. John Fowler, the Sale lock, is likely to be added to the England squad as second-row back-up.

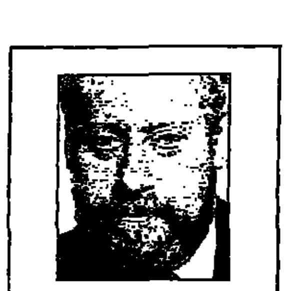
Damian Cronin, the Scotland second-row forward, underwent an exploratory operation on his right knee yesterday after aggravating a long-standing injury against Western Samoa last Saturday. The operation was carried out by Jimmy Graham, the Scottish Rugby Union surgeon. He removed several small pieces of cartilage from behind the knee joint. It will be some time before it is known whether Cronin will need further surgery that, at the age of 32, might threaten his career.

Milan are expected to appeal against the 60-day suspension imposed on Massimo Giovanelli, the flanker sent off for a head-butt during the Heineken Cup defeat by Pontypridd on Wednesday. Italian hopes of a semi-final place now rest with Benetton Treviso, who meet Toulouse on December 12 in pool A.

Meanwhile, representatives of Scotland's top clubs met the Scottish Rugby Union last night and insisted that they, not the districts, should represent Scotland in Europe next season. The stance is likely to lead to further conflict with the union, with whom relations are already strained.

The number of Scottish representatives in the championship, and when it will take place, is expected to be decided before the final of the inaugural event, in Cardiff on January 7.

Italians at a loss in land of beer and chips



FREUD ON FRIDAY

It *was* brillig ... and if slithy toves gyred and gimbled in the wabe, and the borogoves were mimsy, the light was just too murky for me to be sure. What was beyond doubt is that 30 rugby union footballers panting steam into the cold night air performed insufficiently well, under lights that were insufficiently bright, to bring serious joy to a crowd of Welsh supporters neither as fervent nor as numerous as the home team's management expected. Nor did the fussiness of the referee do anything but mar our enjoyment.

This is the first year of the Heineken Cup competition and none of the contesting guinea pigs had much idea of what was going to happen, let alone when and where and for how much reward. The Rugby Football Union declined participation; Wales, Ireland and France each entered the full complement of three clubs; Italy sent two and the dozen, playing in four pools of three, with pool winners to contest the semi-finals, was made up by Farul Constanta, the Romania champions. The eastern Europeans have already been eliminated and are back by the Black Sea with a record of played two, lost two, points for 18, points against 140 to show for their involvement.

GARETH EVERETT

The Pontypridd and Milan packs square up amid the gathering gloom during their match at Sardis Road

On Wednesday night, it was Pontypridd against Milan, as unlikely a pairing as you would wish to encounter. Milan is Italy's second city, its main financial and industrial centre, home of the bar that serves the best Bellinis in the world (a Bellini is champagne poured over liquidised white peaches).

Pontypridd is, well, a town in the Welsh valleys that has lost its core industry and the indigenous folk drink pints of journeyman beer and eat chips. Its population is about one-fiftieth of the Lombardian city.

Ponty not only won quite comfortably via eight penalty goals and a converted try, but also finished up playing 14 men ... Giovanelli, the Italian flanker, believed by some locals to have family connections in Llanelli, being sent off just before the end.

Sardis Road, a few minutes walk from Ponty's railway station, where enterprise is mainfested by sending trains off before the advertised time, is a 24-carat no-frills ground. An ageing stand in which two or three thousand people do just that for £5 faces one seating about half that number for 60 per cent extra dosh. Viewing is excellent, the tip-up seats uncomfortable, but there is a genuine corrugated iron roof. In the space behind both goals, people stand three or four deep and peer into the gloom. Single-sex clusters of young folk roamed around before the game: half a dozen nymphettes eating ham and cheese baps; a gaggle of red-haired boys who ended standing behind a goal shouting "off, off, off" each time the referee blew his whistle. One lad, who cannot have been more than eight or nine, positioned himself to catch penalty kicks and showed that there is some useful talent in the pipeline.

For the rest, supporters are mostly men and occasionally shout "Ponty, Ponty, Ponty", but, when there is something about which to become enthusiastic, "Pontypontyponty". If Milanese supporters came over, I saw them not; neither were they heard.

Both teams received generous applause on taking the field, the home team with a canine mascot. Surprisingly, for a club whose colours are black and white, the dog is brown and wears a bespoke jacket. I would change that.

It is hard to watch an unsatisfactory match under Spartan conditions (by next year, they tell me, it will all become handsome and comfortable as befits a side that has Ponty's winning record) without becoming disillusioned: I felt like the small, loud man sitting beside me wearing a large cap and chewing gum who at one point, when Jenkins took an especially long time to position the ball for a penalty kick, shouted: "If you kick, I'll clap."

He missed.

The game ended, as games do, and one of the Italians players on his way to the team coach said how disappointed he was that the Princess of Wales was not there: surely Wales is her place? He had looked forward to seeing her. As he was Argentinian, one of four in the Italian team, I was able to tell him of Her Royal Highness's visit to Buenos Aires.

So, those who did not go to the bar walked down the hill into the oyster light of a Welsh winter evening. I heard one say: "What did you think?"

His friend replied: "Well, it was one of those days."

I would go along with that assessment.

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Hall pledges support for Bosman's court crusade

David Powell finds a powerful advocate for changes feared by most football clubs

SIR John Hall, the chairman of Newcastle United football club, is to lend his support to Jean-Marc Bosman when his controversial case, which has serious implications for the future of the game, is discussed at a European Parliament sports convention in Brussels on Monday.

Sir John said yesterday that he and his lawyers would be meeting with Bosman and his legal representatives to give them their backing, a stance that puts Newcastle in alignment with Rangers but against the majority view of, among others, Uefa, the European governing body, the Football Association and the Scottish Football Association.

Sir John said that Bosman was under increasing pressure to drop his case, but, such is the Newcastle chairman's belief that the authorities are wrong, that he wants to give his personal support to the Belgian in Brussels.

The convention has been called by a group of MEPs to consider how best to implement the expected confirmation by the European Court of Justice early next year that football's transfer system, and the restrictions on the number of foreign players employed by clubs, are illegal under the laws of the European Union.

The finding was given in a case brought by Bosman after he completed a two-year contract with RFC Liège, was offered a new deal at a quarter of his salary and, when he declined, was prevented from leaving by the price the club put on his head.

An open letter signed by 49 presidents of national associations in Europe claimed that hundreds of middle-sized and smaller clubs may go out of existence if the present transfer system is abolished. The present system ensures that at least six players in every team participating in a European competition are of the club's nationality and that a fee is paid from one club to another when a player is transferred. Sir John is preparing evidence that he expects to indicate that it may be wrong to argue that small clubs would suffer to the extent suggested.

While attending the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation in Market Bosworth, Sir John said: "We cannot see why any footballer in Europe should not have the same rights as any of us to move around in Europe at the end of a contract. I should have the right to have 11 Frenchmen if I want. I will not do that, but I should have the right."

On the question of Newcastle rugby club's threat to take legal action over the Rugby Football Union's insistence on retaining until the end of the season its 120-day qualifying period for transferred players, Sir John indicated that there would be no question of litigation if the threat of relegation this season was lifted, thereby removing the urgent need to field his new players. "We understand there may not be relegation from the second division," Sir John said. "That decision will be made on December 14 and we are quite prepared to wait until then."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

AGNOSIA

(b) Freud's term (*Zur Auffassung der Aphasien*, 1891) for loss of perception. From the Greek *agnōsia* ignorance, *a-* privative + *gnōsis* knowledge. "Agnosia is found in relation with the senses: auditory agnosia, gustatory agnosia, olfactory agnosia, optic agnosia, and tactile agnosia."

AGLEY

(c) Asquint, askew, awry. Scottish dialect from *a-* privative + *glee* or *gley*. Robert Burns, *To a Mouse*, in *Poems*, 1785: "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men. Gang aft agley."

BOUVARDIA

(a) Any plant of the rubiaceous genus of this name, which was introduced from Mexico and Central America, bearing handsome red, yellow, or white flowers. An eponym of Dr Charles *Bouvard* (died 1658), superintendent of the Jardin du Roi, Paris. "The garden, with odorous bouvardias all awake."

DAUNCY

(b) Sickly, delicate, not robust, United States dialect, a variant of *donsie*. "He ain't one o' yer skim-milk, dauncy ones. He's as stout as a young bull."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Nd6! exd6; 2. Qxg6 and the mate threat on h7 cannot be dealt with.

RADIO CHOICE

A few words about epics

Print the Legend. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

In Christopher Frayling's anatomy of cinema epics, a Hollywood director calls them descendants of *The Iliad*. In terms of action, he may be right. But there is that little matter of the words, who writes them, and who speaks them. Peter Ustinov asked director Mervyn LeRoy how he should play Nero in *Quo Vadis?*. "Nero?", echoed Le Roy. "Son of a bitch!" As for those unspeakable Italian costume epics made in the 1960s, they sounded to one critic like an Italian strip cartoon translated into basic English by a defectively wired robot. Gore Vidal, one of the army of writers who worked on *Ben-Hur* says, tongue in cheek, that to draw a parallel with the American War of Independence, he suggested that all the Romans be played by plummy-accented Brits.

The Barchester Chronicles: The Warden. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Radio has a long way to go before its classic serials are launched with the same fanfares as televised classics such as *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Middlemarch*. Yet, this two-part radio version of *The Warden* is no less well adapted (by Martyn Wade), acted, and directed (by Cherry Cookson) than its mighty television cousins. Also, the pictures it projects are just as striking. I have more good news. Radio 4 is to serialise the remaining five Barchester novels as well. As Septimus Harding, Alec McCowen is every bit as unworldly as Donald Pleasence in BBC-tv's *The Barchester Chronicles*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.00** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat; at **6.15** The Net and at **6.30** The Mix **7.00** The Essential Selection, with Pete Tong **10.00** John Peel **1.00** Radio 1 Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Today's the Day **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Russ Conway **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Ways with Words Literary Festival: Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing **8.35** The Magazine, incl Euronews and at **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **7.30** Heritage **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News in German **9.15** Focus on Faith **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Science **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack: Alternative **3.00** News in German **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** The World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** World News **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Heritage **11.45** The Farming World **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** Seven Days **1.30** Jazz **1.45** Good Books **2.00** Newsday **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.15** Sport **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Jazz **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Music by Purcell **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Biber (Partita No 5 in G minor); Strauss (Sinfonia Domestica); Arne (Cantata: The Morning); **7.32** *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 26 in E flat); **8.05** Offenbach (Overture: La belle Hélène); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Handel (Organ Concerto in F, The Cuckoo and the Nightingale); Dvořák (Symphony No 6 in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Purcell (The Magician's Dance; Pluto Arise, Circe); Wagner (Schmerzen, Wesendonck Lieder); **10.10** *Artist of the Week*: John Lill, piano. Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 7); **10.30** Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique); Mathias (Jubilate); Verdi (Willow Song; Ave Maria, Otello); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini)

12.00 Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week: Maw. Shahnama; String Quartet No 3

1.00pm Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartók Plus, *introduced by Chris de Souza*. Catherine King, *mezzo*; Jacob Heringman and Jessica Gordon, *lutes*; Susanna Pell, *bass viol*. *Songs and instrumental music from 16th-century Hungary, including works by* Balint Bakfark and Sebestyen Tinodi, *are contrasted with folk-influenced pieces by* Bartók

2.00 Schools: Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archive. The Emigrés. New series about Contiental compoers who made Britain their home.

4.20 Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century. Elsie and Doris Waters

4.30 Two Indian Virtuosi. Girija Devi and Buddhadev Das Gupta (r)

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson follows two young students taking Grade 6 Associated Board examinations.

5.15 In Tune. Quilter (Children's Overture); Mozart (Notturno); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor)

7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Bernhard Klee, with Linda Finnie, mezzo; Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir; Manchester Boys' Choir. Mahler (Symphony No 3)

9.30 Secret Theatres of the Mind. Michael Ignatieff examines autism

9.55 Hear and Now: In Memory of Luigi Nono, *from the* Town Hall, Huddersfield. Nono (A Pierre, Dell' azzuro silensio, inquietum); Brian Ferneyhough (Mnemosyne); Nono (Das atmende Klarsein). Also includes part of a concert given yesterday by Ensemble Contrechamps under Heinz Holliger, *featuring music by* Brian Ferneyhough, Elliott Carter and Heinz Holliger

12.00-1.00am Fairest Isle: Britannia at the Opera. Arthur Benjamin's *A Tale of Two Cities*. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Anne Manson; Scottish Opera Chorus (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing, incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. The writer Nigel Nicholson is the castaway (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; Print the Legend (FM only) See Choice

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only). The first political parties

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Sarah Dunant. Serial: Patricia Hodge reads *The Misses Mallett* by E. H. Benson, abridged by Pat McLoughlin (8/12)

11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi

12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles. See Choice

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Tim Marlowe sees Iain Heggie's new play, *An Experienced Woman Gives Advice* and *The Male Order*, an exhibition of men's fashion

4.45 Short Story: The Alchemist's Other Dream, by Saul Miller. Read by Giles Thomas (r)

5.00 PM, with Jon Sopel and Jackie Hargrave **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places David Stafford explores ideas for the weekend

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Jenny Eclair

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Oldham with Baroness Blackstone, Labour Foreign Affairs spokesperson in the House of Lords; Bea Campbell, journalist and broadcaster; David Curry, MP, Minister for Local Government; and Archy Kirkwood, MP

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Brian Sibley presents a special programme on the writer Terry Pratchett, one of the most gifted humorists of his generation (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Inside Mr Enderby, by Anthony Burgess, abridged by Alison Joseph (2/12)

11.00 Week Ending

11.25 Tea Junction Patrick Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather

12.30am The Late Book: Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInerney (5/9) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service (**LW** only).

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No frocks but plenty of infamous docs

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

How I miss *The House of Eliott*. Oh Bea, oh Evie, where are you, come back. Remember the bustle of the fitting rooms, the lovely gowns, and the delighted cry of "Jack!" six times an episode? Tilly in her glasses; Madge in a huff; disaffected workers running out into the street and being knocked down by vehicles travelling at 15 miles per hour. Every week your new collection was a fabulous success. But now you have gone for ever, and your pins lie still in the sewing boxes, scraps of violet chiffon flutter in the draught. Most mornings I wake up with a damp pillow, and you are the cause. Come back, Evie. Come back, Bea.

Sorry about that, but I feel sure you will agree that it's good to get things off your chest occasionally. So, with only a trace of a sob, let's get down to **Doctors in the Dock** (BBC2), a low-key series of half-hour programmes on which *The House of Eliott* (gone but not forgotten) has no bearing whatsoever. Each week in *Doctors in the Dock*, we learn the details of another *cause célèbre* of medical ethics, in which a smug-looking doctor claims not to understand why he was disciplined by the General Medical Council. Last night the issue was "Kidneys for Sale", the particular Waterloo of two specialists, Richard Crockett and Michael Bewick (though only Crockett was struck off). At the time of their hearing, the sale of human organs was not illegal, actually — but mainly because nobody had thought of it.

Where was I? A vision of Louise Lombard in a headband just shimmered across my memory, obliterating all else. Oh yes. *Doctors in the Dock*. Mm. Well, last night's programme was, to be honest, rather less gripping than the first instalment last week, which concerned a doctor struck off for having affairs with female patients. Ingeniously, he claimed that in all his medical training, nobody ever told him about moral conduct, only about coughs and sneezes. As a defence, however, this was less than airtight, so now he sat on a sofa with his wife (formerly a patient) and pulled faces while she spoke, possibly believing he was not in shot.

"What have we done wrong?" his wife pleaded. "We fell in love, what's the difference that we met this way?" The question was rhetorical but from behind the camera, a voice delightfully replied, "Because he was a *doctor*." Good grief.

Members of the medical profession are tragically over-represented by television already, but that never stopped anybody. **Public Eye** (BBC2) last night concerned Brian McKinnon, the infamous Scottish 30-year-old so keen to join the medics that he went back to school and resat his highers under a different name. Now he talked about this cunning ploy for the first time, and apart from a rather unpleasant facial resemblance to Martina Navratilova, came across as a good bloke with no harm in him, who simply didn't want to waste his life.

The only peculiar thing was the insistence of his chirpy interviewer, Jackie Bird, that Brian had achieved a universal dream of second chances — "If I knew then what I know now", "Youth is wasted on the young", "If I could do it all over again". Poor woman. Brian shrugged and smiled. Apparently he had heard this question before. But surely his adventure was quite the other thing — a dream from which the average adult wakes, yelling "Thank God it's not true!" Go back to school? Wear those socks? Sit on the floor in assembly, and get up with mashed potato stuck to your bum? Not for a guaranteed consultancy in Harley Street.

Brian still hopes someone will allow him to train as a doctor. If ethical matters are still extracurricular, I don't see why not. The poor man has been struck off before he started. Meanwhile, he should sell his story for a drama, which will at least keep him supplied with toy stethoscopes. And if it's any help to you, Brian — Bea and Evie suffered their setbacks too, in the early days.

Thankfully, **Roughnecks** (BBC1) returned to form last night, although I feel I must object to the continued non-appearance of Katy Murphy, who figures so strongly in the weekly opening credits. Last night gambling fever took hold of the Osprey, with the men choosing ever more unlikely venues for their poker school, including the inside of a lifeboat. The camera scanned through metal walkways, and found the gamblers dramatically underlit on a lower deck, with steam and pipes around them, and churning sea beneath. The famous floating crap game in *Guys and Dolls* was deliberately evoked, but although a play on words suggests itself, involving the debris on the surface of the North Sea, mercifully it shall not be pursued.

Anyway, the episode ended with a spectacular accident, and about time too. Crane-driver novice Village (Hywel Simons) dropped a huge canister of something from a great height. It broke through the deck and all the lights went out. Whoops. To look on the bright side, this diversion may have saved the day for Cinders (the wonderful Ricky Tomlinson) who had just received an "NRB" warning from the boss.

Apparently, the worst punishment a roughneck can receive is "NRB", meaning "Not Required Back" — which is presumably what was also stamped on the medical degrees of the struck-off doctors and the forehead of Brian McKinnon. But, I can't bear it, did those lovely Eliott sisters get an "NRB" too? No, no! It was never true that you were not required back, Evie! You do believe me, don't you?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (10366)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94346163)

9.10 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (4979231)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (Ceefax) (53333182) **10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** with Ainsley Harriott (s) (4635750)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (96618)

12.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (9338434) **12.05pm Pebble Mill Special: Children in Need** from Disneyland Paris (s) (4494182) **12.50 Regional news** and weather (23101434)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (91182)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (25166873)

1.55 Columbo (r) (Ceefax) (7169811)

3.05 Incognito. Game show (s) (1732347)

3.30 Orville and Cuddles (r) (6623057) **3.35 Robinson Sucroe** (Ceefax) (s) (5956347) **4.00 The Itsy Bitsy Spider** (s) (6945415) **4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde** (Ceefax) (s) (2021927) **4.35 Record Breakers** (Ceefax) (s) (1587521) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8516927)

Vincent, Jordan, Hill and Miles (5.10pm)

5.10 Blue Peter presented by Tim Vincent, Diane-Louise Jordan, Katy Hill and Stuart Miles (Ceefax) (s) (5102328)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (919892)

6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax). Weather (347)

6.30 Regional news magazines (927)

7.00 CHOICE **Children in Need**. (Ceefax) (s) (89347)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax). *Regional news and weather (7415)*

9.30 Children in Need. The fundraising entertainment continues with Terry Wogan threatening to sing a jungle version of *The Floral Dance*. Robson Green and Jerome Flynn of *Soldier, Soldier* sing *Up on the Roof*, while actors from *Backup*, *Casualty* and *London's Burning* display their own musical talents. *The Brittas Empire*'s Chris Barrie teams up with the boxer Frank Bruno. During the programme, Jane Asher, television chefs Ainsley Harriott and Brian Turner, and Dale Winton will invite viewers to rub numbered panels in their *Smell-o-Vision* booklets. Rolf Harris will be dropping in on the proceedings, there is music from Eternal who will be singing their new single *I Am Blessed*, and dancers from the West End musical *Riverdance* will perform a selection of spectacular routines. Regional bulletins will continue throughout the night. (Ceefax) (s) (25198298)

11.35 Regional Children in Need (721881)

12.00 Children in Need: Late Night with Pudsey. Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey from *Men Behaving Badly* present an alternative view of the evening so far; Bob Mills reveals some television secrets; Armando Iannucci presents a *Saturday Morning Armistice*, while Annabel Giles presents an amusing guide to finding Mr Right. Music is provided by Supergrass and Mexican dance by Ma Carena. In the early hours, the cast of the West End musical *Buddy* will give a song and dance finale. (Ceefax) (s) (39598) **2.00am Weather** (7033496)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Metropolis (37521) **6.30 Nature by Design** (47873)

7.00 Breakfast News (with signing) (4670415)

7.15 Lassie (8460956) **7.40 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1812298) **8.05 Smart** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3046434)

8.35 The Record. Yesterday in Parliament (s) (4829618)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children. **10.00-10.25 Playdays** (61453)

2.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (s) (47632960)

2.10 Sport on Friday. Women's hockey Olympic qualifying tournament and triathlon world championships from Mexico (s) (953095)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (540)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (724)

5.00 Esther discusses what makes us laugh (s) (6328)

5.30 Going Going Gone. Auction game (s) (796)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w) (Ceefax) (442786)

6.25 The New Avengers: Faces. Camp special agent adventures starring Patrick Macnee, Gareth Hunt and Joanna Lumley. (Ceefax) (425811)

7.15 CHOICE **Football, Fussball, Voetbal** (537540)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport Includes Tiff Needell reporting on the first half of the 14-round German Touring Car Championship. (Ceefax) (s) (8540)

8.30 CHOICE **Jancis Robinson's Wine Course: Grapes in Ferment**. (Ceefax) (s) (4347)

9.00 Not the Nine O'Clock News Comedy sketch show from the 1980s (r) (Ceefax) (5057)

Steve Coogan as Gareth Cheeseman (9.30pm)

9.30 Coogan's Run: Dearth of a Salesman. Steve Coogan stars as an obnoxious software salesman, Gareth Cheeseman. (Ceefax) (s) (45366)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Satirical quiz show with Angus Deayton. Teresa Gorman, MP, and Neil Morrissey join team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton (s) (17095)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (578386)

11.15 Don't Give Up Your Day Job Paul Brophy presents the talent show (s) (610908). **WALES: 11.15** Welsh Lobby (610908)

11.45 Weather (391502). **WALES: 11.45** Don't Give Up Your Day Job (619279) **12.15am** Weather (3870361) **12.20** The Best of the Real McCoy (6151309) **12.50-3.35** FILM: Scenes from a Marriage (22174767)

12.20am FILM: Scenes from a Marriage (1974) starring Liv Ullmann and Erland Josephson. A drama about the disintegration of a marriage. Directed by Ingmar Bergman (43921458) Ends at **3.10**

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CHOICE

Dressing For Breakfast
Channel 4, 9.00pm

With a woman writer, Stephanie Calman, and female leads, *Dressing For Breakfast* is a spirited riposte to such male-centred sit-coms as *Men Behaving Badly*. As such, it may appeal more to a female audience. At its heart is Louise (Beatie Edney), thirtyish and single, who has just been stood up by her boyfriend. She would like a relationship but only on her terms. She is envious of her best friend (Holly Aird), whose partner does what he is told, and peeved that her mum (Charlotte Cornwell) is defying the menopause to marry a handsome Italian. The show has a lively pace, Edney and Aird are shaping well as a double act and Calman's uninhibited script proves that women can talk just as dirty as men.

Gaby Roslin, Terry Wogan, Sue Cook (BBC1, 7.00pm)

Children in Need
BBC1, 7.00pm

Bravely trying to pick up any loose cash left over from flutters on the National Lottery, *Children in Need* offers its usual marathon of Terry Wogan, Sue Cook, stars making fools of themselves in unfamiliar guises and reports on how last year's money was spent. The novelty this time is something called Smell-o-Vision. This does not mean that your set will give off delicate fragrances. It does involve buying a small book (part of the proceeds to the appeal) and scratching the appropriate places at the appropriate time. The idea is being extended to other BBC programmes, including *Noel's House Party*, *Jim Davidson's Generation Game* and a Reeves and Mortimer wildlife farrago called *A Nose Through Nature*.

Jancis Robinson's Wine Course: Grapes in Ferment
BBC2, 8.30pm

Despite the title, Jancis Robinson's well-informed and admirably unpretentious series has been much more about the wine industry than passing on tips to the drinker. The final programme continues the theme. Robinson highlights the paradox that while people care more about wine than ever, they are drinking less. Even in France, consumption has fallen by half over the past 30 years and growers are being paid by Brussels to tear up their vineyards. Another irony is that while new wine regions are emerging all the time, the products are tasting more and more alike. Robinson's hope is that there will be a return to wines with local personality. She fears we might be stuck with chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon.

Football Fussball Voetball
BBC2, 7.15pm (Scotland: Sunday, 10.00pm)

The national anguish at the failure of British football teams in Europe this season may be temporarily soothed by remembering the time, not very long ago, when it was all so different. If nothing else, John Motson's survey of the 1970s and 1980s should produce a nostalgic glow. Why the unfancied Aston Villa managed to lift the European Cup when today's more talented teams stumble and crash at the first hurdle is a mystery that is not resolved here. But it is good to be reminded of Liverpool's awesome run of European success and of the successive triumphs of Brian Clough's superbly organised Nottingham Forest. The clips are augmented by comments from players and managers.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (9673521)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Quiz (s) (9939705)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) (4835958)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Discussion programme, hosted by John Stapleton (s) (8556095)

10.35 This Morning (72670057) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (9334618)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (9367182)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9342873) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (25234971) **1.55 Shortland Street** (s) (92599076) **2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show** A discussion on eating disorders (s) (70748705) **2.50 High Road** (Teletext) (2209347)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (8401163)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8400434)

3.30 Jays World (s) (5436328) **3.40 St Tiggywinkles** (5449892) **3.55 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (5234095) **4.15 Freakazoid!** (6959618) **4.40 Fun House** (Teletext) (s)

5.10 After 5 With Caron Keating. (Teletext) (7539811)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (997705)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (462540)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (952540)

7.00 Family Fortunes. The White family from London pit their wits against the Hardman family from Darlington. (Teletext) (s) (3618)

7.30 Coronation Street. Can Reg beat the odds, and his mother-in-law? (Teletext) (279)

8.00 The Bill. A woman drowned in her own bath raises Monroe's suspicions. Was it an accident or murder? With Colin Tarrant. (Teletext) (2366)

Jeff Rawle and Lynda Bellingham (8.30pm)

8.30 Faith in the Future: Naked Ambition. Part two of the sit-com sequel to *Second Thoughts* starring Lynda Bellingham as Faith, the mother of the errant Hannah (Julia Sawalha) who has ruined Faith's plans of independence by coming back to live at home. With Jeff Rawle. (Teletext) (s) (1873)

9.00 Medics: Love Lies Bleeding This is the last of the current series and they are celebrating Christmas with a music-hall revue. But there is a fugitive criminal in the crowd and when cast and killer collide on the medical ward the stage is set for a tragedy (Teletext) (s) (1347)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weekend weather (Teletext) (14291)

10.30 Evening Standard Drama Awards 1995 introduced by Ned Sherrin (11250)

12.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (4898583)

12.05 Doctor Fox's Video Jukebox. Neil Fox plays viewers' video requests live on air. (7950449)

1.05 *The James Whale Show* (s) (4097941)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (4574922)

3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (37526632)

3.25 Noisy Mothers (s) (3137309)

4.30 The New Music Jennifer Morton travels to Reykjavik to interview the country's biggest star, Bjork (46632)

5.30 ITN Morning News (58496) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Ulysses 31. Cartoon (r) (72569)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (81705)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (21298)

9.30 Schools. Eureka! (4466521) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4461076) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5317144) **10.10** Believe It or Not (4897163) **10.27** Maths Book (3362095) **10.40** Off Limits (1988892) **11.05** Ready, Set, Go! (6385618) **11.20** Stage One (6399811) **11.35** Schools at Work (9964057) **11.40** How We Used to Live (4794989) (Teletext) (s)

12.00 Simply the Best: Seafood of Jersey (r) (64714)

12.30pm Sesame Street. With Zap Mama (70705) **1.30 Katie and Orbie** (r) (59569) **2.00 Spacebourne.** Nasa film of space (89502908)

2.15 FILM: Sparrows Can't Sing (1962). Comedy drama starring James Booth and Barbara Windsor. Directed by Joan Littlewood (947434)

4.00 Think Tank (Teletext) (s) (908)

4.30 Fifteen to One. The 1,000th edition of the general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (892)

5.00 The Factory (r) (Teletext) (s) (5192827)

5.45 Holy Places (r) (s) (280927)

6.00 Blossom: The Last Laugh (r). (Teletext) (s) (647)

6.30 Moviewatch. Film magazine presented by Johnny Vaughan and Caroline Tudor (Teletext) (s) (637)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (167705)

7.55 Book Choice. Sheridan Morley reviews *Tom, the Unknown Tennessee Williams*, by Lyle Leverich (347683)

8.00 A Taste of Africa Dorinda Hafner's culinary tour continues in Tanzania (r) (Teletext) (s) (5368)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (9415)

Cornwell (top), Aird and Edney (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Dressing for Breakfast** (Teletext) (s) (3453)

9.30 Rising Damp Classic comedy starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext) (30434)

10.00 Frasier: An Affair to Forget American sit-com starring Kelsey Grammer. (Teletext) (s) (14273)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back to Richard Briers, Eddie Izzard and Johnnie Cochran (s) (273714)

11.15 Crapston Villas. Animated soap (s) (466095)

11.30 Eurotrash — The World Tour In Mexico, Antoine de Caunes and Jean Paul Gaultier investigate the country's obsession with soap operas and wrestling (s) (52705)

12.00 NEW **Beavis and Butthead**. The teenage rock fans return to present their unorthodox verdict on popular music (s) (55309)

12.30am FILM: Night and the City (1950, b/w) Crime drama, showing as part of the *Dark and Deadly* season. Richard Widmark stars as a London nightclub hustler who attempts to muscle in on the city's wrestling racket. With Gene Tierney and Googie Withers. Directed by Jules Dassin (468038)

2.15 FILM: Pursuit to Algiers (1945, b/w). Basil Rathbone as the indomitable Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as his sidekick Dr Watson track the would-be assassin of a Ruritanian prince. Roy William Neill directs (5334187) Ends at **3.25am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9342873) **1.25** Home and Away (25234971) **1.55** A Country Practice (92599076) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8246347) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7539811) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (845) **10.30** Anglia News Extra (20569) **11.00** Six Pairs of Pants (4328) **11.30** Plugged (771705) **1.15am** The James Whale Show (3340361) **2.10** The Loop (3358661) **2.40** Coach (5624496) **3.05** Noisy Mothers (6767458) **4.00** The Album Show (58477) **5.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (39570)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (92599076) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8246347) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7539811) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (952540) **10.40** Central Weekend (1990057) **12.10am** Who Do You Do? (6156854) **12.40** Beyond Reality (1090274) **4.25-5.20** Jobfinder (3180545)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9342873) **1.25** Home and Away (11885163) **1.50** Blue Heelers (8887347) **2.50-3.20** Growing Pains (2209347) **5.10-5.40** High Road (7539811) **6.25** Granada Tonight (952540) **10.40** Up Front (721144) **11.40** Bodies of Evidence (316521) **12.35am-1.05** The Powers That Be (3888380)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7191989) **1.20** High Road (61878380) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8246347) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7539811) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (845) **10.45** Film: The Black Windmill (61355328) **12.35am** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (3888380)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (345) **10.45** A Night Out with Money (53873) **11.45** Street Legal (301724)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9342873) **1.25** Home and Away (25234971) **1.55** A Country Practice (92599076) **2.20-2.50** Houseparty (70748705) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7539811) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (37347) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (20569) **11.00** Six Pairs of Pants (4328) **11.30** Plugged (771705) **1.15am** The James Whale Show (3340361) **2.10** The Loop (3358661) **2.40** Coach (5624496) **3.05** Noisy Mothers (6767458) **4.00-5.00** The Album

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9342873) **1.25** Home and Away (25234971) **1.55** The Woodward File (25189960) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8612618) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (8400434) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7539811) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (37347) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (743521) **10.40** Top Guns (543502) **11.10** Film: A Fistful of Dollars (835182)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (4835958) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire. Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale Network North (9334618) **12.55** Coronation Street (9342873) **1.25** Home and Away (25234971) **1.55** A Country Practice (92599076) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (8622095) **3.10** Help Yourself (8412279) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (8404250) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (8400434) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7539811) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (450881) **6.30-7.00** Maynard's Bill (845) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (743521) **10.40** Tales from the Crypt (543502) **11.10** War and Remembrance (835182) **2.05am** The Big E (4574922) **3.00** The Beat (6768187) **3.55** Shift (4823632) **4.45** Profile (53719038) **5.00** ITV Sport Classics (39570)

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7.00am DJ Kat (31958) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (35415) **8.30** Jeopardy (34766) **9.00** Court TV (58366) **9.30** Oprah (27786) **10.30** Concentration (47250) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (31724) **12.00** Spellbound (38502) **12.30pm** Designing Women (87366) **1.00** The Waltons (75521) **2.00** Geraldo (15298) **3.00** Court TV (9057) **3.30** Oprah (9286724) **4.20** Undun (1717076) **5.00** Star Trek (3637) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (1521) **6.30** Spellbound (2873) **7.00** LAPD (4366) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6057) **8.00** Who Do You Do? (7106) **8.30** Coppers (2521) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (25540) **10.00** Star Trek (35827) **11.00** Law and Order (29989) **12.00** Late Show (9107670) **12.45am** The Untouchables (3734729) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (82651) **2.00** Hit Mix (8992038)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3500057) **10.30** ABC Nightline (45892) (387182) **1.30** CBS News (11637) **2.30** Parliament (42786) **3.30** Parliament (6809) **6.30** Tonight (58275) **8.30** Entertainment (2273) **11.30** CBS News (63144) **12.30pm** ABC News (29670) **1.30** Tonight (77038) **2.30** Target (51125) **3.30** The Lords (56670) **4.30** CBS News (88632) **5.30** ABC News (90496)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Showcase (97024434) **10.00 Jane's House** (1993) (81182) **12.00 Sky Riders** (1976) (89873) **2.00pm A Perilous Journey** (1953) (26279) **4.00 The Great American Traffic Jam** (1980) (6569) **6.00 Jane's House** (1993) (32665) **8.00 Jack Reed: Badge of Honour** (1993) (82160) **10.00 Ghost in the Machine** (1993) (567250) **11.40 Bruce Lee: Curse of the Dragon** (1993) (664076) **1.15am Through the Eyes of a Killer** (1993) (882835) **2.50 Beyond Obsession** (1993) (8547787) **4.20 A Perilous Journey** (1953) (551800)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Scaramouche (1952) (3511) **6.00 Lady in the Dark** (1944) (96827) **8.00 Club Paradise** (1986) (46322) **10.00 Once Upon a Time in the West** (1968) (91490786) **12.50am The Silence** (1963) (539125) **2.30-3.40 Duck Soup** (1933) (7790816)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

4.00am Tarzan and the She-devil (1953)

(31521) **8.00 Robin Hood** (1985) (92637) **9.00 The Man in the Iron Mask** (1990) (84453) **10.00 Detective Story** (1951) (29724) **12.00 Exodus** (1960) (5680873) **4.00pm Robin Hood** (1985) (28958) **5.00 The Man in the Iron Mask** (1990) (8347) **6.00 Jericho Fever** (1993) (78434) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (4095) **8.00 So I Married an Axe Murderer** (1993) (82142) **10.00 Rising Sun** (1993) (55736434) **12.10am Silhouette** (1994) (731381) **1.45 Spellbinder** (1988) (591106) **3.25-5.25 Salt on Our Skin** (1992) (43375380)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (32859347) **6.30** Muppet Babies (27061366) **7.00** The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (67874182) **7.30** Ducktales (67860989) **8.00** Chip'n Dale Rescue Rangers (82863705) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (82862076) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82853328) **9.30** Welcome to Pooh Corner (90289502) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (27052618) **10.30** Quack Attack (82875540) **11.00** Disney (67879637) **12.00** FILM: The Horse Without a Head (1963) (56917811) **1.30pm** World of Dinosaurs (90299989) **2.00** Adventures in Wonderland (78795502) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (86609724) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78714637) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (86611569) **4.00** Quack Attack (86690076) **4.30** Ducktales (86683960) **5.00** Cyberstar (11589231) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (68020989) **7.30** Eyewitness (88597989) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Mary of Scotland (1936) (99865502)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Figure Skating (28892) **9.00** Tennis (61415) **9.30** Eurofun (29927) **10.00** Triathlon (57786) **11.00** Live Weightlifting (59322) **1.00pm** Football (28298) **2.00** Live Figure Skating (920540) **4.30** Weightlifting (42724) **5.30** News (3960) **6.00** Figure Skating from Germany (612279) **9.00** Equestrianism (56434) **10.00** Pro Wrestling: Some of the best in the world grapple with each other in Japan (59521) **11.00** Boxing (58415) **12.00-12.30am** News (22019)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (67927) **7.30** Racing (56434) **8.00** Rugby: David Bobin and Jamie Salmon discuss tactics (34637) **9.00** Aerobics (73347) **9.30** Tight Lines (70892) **10.30** Netbusters (82502) **12.30pm** Ice Warriors: last night's clash in the premiere division presented by Gia Milinovich (25663) **2.30** Sport Special (4076) **3.00** Netbusters (40786) **5.00** Wrestling (2163) **6.00** Sports Centre (13366) **7.00** Basketball presented by Andrew Castle (67163) **9.00** Boxing: Crawford Ashley, Leeds, takes on

Katharine Hepburn as *Mary of Scotland* (Disney, 8.00pm)

Core of Manchester (51969) **11.00** Sports Centre (63347) **12.00** Basketball (73380) **2.00-4.00am** Boxing (21187)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm Trans World Sport (9636786) **8.00** Skill Sailing (8004057) **8.30** Powerboat World (6016892) **9.00** Ice Warriors (9648521) **11.00** Skate International of France (9037908) **12.00-1.00am** Trans World Sport (4038922)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living World **5.00** Kenneth Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **5.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15** Benny Hinn/This is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Christian Music

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1267434) **7.55** As the World Turns (8509724) **8.50** Peyton Place (2480453) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2085415) **10.10-11.00** Another World (1875786)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (2344144) **11.30** American Vacation (1523347) **12.30** Cooking in France (1312250) **1.00** Around the World (9010231) **1.30pm** Hawaii Cooks (1311521) **2.00** F. Report (6017521) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (6681182) **3.00** Getaway (6003328) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (6893927)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century: air defence (2368724) **5.00** History Alive (6027908) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1337569)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (4826038) **1.30** Ray Bradbury (3862835) **2.00** FILM: Hell Comes to Frogtown (7025729) **3.30-4.00** Ray Bradbury Theatre (1786477)

TLC

9.00am Painting (8080502) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (2820163) **10.00** Furniture To Go (4830618) **10.30** Soul Mates (8095786) **11.00** Only Human (5477811) **12.00** Who Cares Wins (8000366) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2831279) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (5488927) **1.30** Painting (2823250) **2.00** The Right Thing? (7290892) **2.30** Get Well Soon (6197182) **3.00** Furniture To Go (7219927) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (6109927)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (5458786) **7.30** Neighbours (5460521) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8009637) **8.30** EastEnders (8008908) **9.00** The Bill (8082960) **9.30** The Sullivans (2822521) **10.00** Bergerac (5486705) **11.00** Dallas (5486589) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8002724) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2833637) **1.00** EastEnders (5457057) **1.30** The Bill (2832908) **2.00** The Sullivans (63779250) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (6055076) **3.00** Angels (7288057) **3.30** Eldorado (6178057) **4.00** Casualty (19503873) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4481076) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (9918873) **6.25** EastEnders (8296786) **7.00** Eldorado (7203366) **7.30** Taxi (6187705) **8.00** Kenny's Comic Cuts (5323434) **8.15** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (9004163) **9.00** Widows (4226927) **10.00** The Bill (6340347) **10.35** Dad's Army (8699250) **11.20** Classic Sport (9022892) **12.25am** The Young Ones (8944564) **1.05** Dr Who (3469019) **1.30** Bless This House (47710534) **1.55-3.00** Shopping (37330089)

TCC

6.00am Casper and Friends (10328) **7.00** The New Pink Panther Show (12298) **7.30** Ready or Not (91705) **8.00** Valley High (13892) **8.30** Casper and Friends (3286328) **8.45** Dinobabies (3207811) **9.00** Tiny TCC (594434) **12.00** Tiny TCC (525144) **2.30pm** Happily Ever After (5796) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (2569) **3.30** The New Pink Panther Show (5621) **4.00** California Dreams (1328) **4.30-5.00** Valley High (3540)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7372960) **6.15** Grimmy (7377415) **6.30** Teenage Turtles (32989) **7.00** Batfink (9728250) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (1170163) **7.45** Rugrats (179076) **8.15** Doug (255960) **8.45** The Ferals (9035415) **9.00** Nick Junior (9480927) **12.30pm** Real monsters (29649) **1.00** Clarissa (77540) **1.30** Mighty Max (35960) **2.00** Speed Racer (7818) **2.30** Galaxy High (2618) **3.00** Count Duckula (9453) **3.30** Pet Shop (7163) **4.00** Teenage Turtles (6298) **4.30** Rugrats (5182) **5.00** Clarissa (1298) **5.30** Wishbone (6434) **6.00** Doug (3347) **6.30** Afraid of the Dark? (7927) **7.00** Ferris Bueller (1434) **7.30-8.00** Sister Sister (6811)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Untamed Africa (6529144) **5.00** Vanishing Worlds (7200279) **6.00** Invention (6198811) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8062250) **7.30** On the Road (6185347) **8.00** Lonely Planet (4204705) **9.00** Wings Over the World (4224569) **10.00** British Wings (4394328) **11.00-12.00** Azimuth (5465076)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Invasion of the Animal People (1196182) **1.30pm** Scotland Yard (2827076) **2.00** The Saint (4828873) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7206453) **3.30** Man From Interpol (6198453) **4.00** FILM: Mine Own Executioner (7217569) **6.00** Danger Man (6192637) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (8066076) **7.30** The Protectors (6172873) **8.00** The Saint (4291231) **9.00** Man in a Suitcase (4211095) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Fright (6536434)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (7273811) **7.00** Magazine (7211499) **8.00** Gardens (9673732) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7927502) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (2061796) **11.00** Young and Restless (8933347) **11.55** Health (2009298) **12.30pm** Food and Drink (4945255) **2.00** Agony Hour (1801255) **3.00** Magazine (6849873) **4.00** Infatuation (4015618) **4.30** Crosswits (6727095) **5.05** Joker's Wild (75571347) **5.30** Bewitched (4026182) **6.00** Esther (4025095) **6.30** Delia Smith (5470434) **7.05** Infatuation (5188366) **7.35** Joker's Wild (9381415) **8.00** Young and Restless (8398415) **9.00** FILM: Burning Bed (8391502) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Fall Guy (79124) **7.00** The Cosby Mysteries (82434) **9.00** FILM: The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (19327) **11.00** FILM: Hart To Hart Returns (51347) **1.00am** The Adventures of Tintin **1.30** Batman (75309) **2.00** The Cosby Mysteries (54090) **4.00-5.00** Moonlighting (72019)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside **6.30** The Grind (61076) **7.00** Europe Music Awards 1995 — The Morning After (7408163) **11.00** Soul (70881) **12.00** Greatest Hits (53908) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (33328) **2.00** 3 From 1 (45016453) **2.15** Music Non-Stop (4153618) **3.00** Cinematic (4899453) **3.15** Hanging Out (1449453) **4.00** News (3088892) **4.15** Hanging Out (3076415) **4.30** Dial MTV (2298) **5.00** London (6144) **5.30** Hanging Out (53502) **7.00** Greatest Hits (92250) **8.00** Most Wanted (21434) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (54637) **10.00** News (845250) **10.15** Cinematic (840705) **10.30** Oddities: The Head (79106) **11.00** Partyzone (53705) **1.00-5.00am** Videos (5720689)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (90195021) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7945927) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1300415) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (1319163) **2.00** Gary Webster (1990434) **3.00** Into the Music (4046502) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (1339927) **7.00** VH-1 For You (9638144) **8.00** Backtrack 1966 (6008415) **8.30** Def Leppard (6018250) **9.00** Paul McKenna (9634328) **10.00** Vinyl Years (9637415) **11.00** Around and Around (9039366) **12.00** The Nightfly Rocks (4036564) **2.00am** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (75217322) **8.30** Aap Ki Farmaish (49120989) **9.00** FILM: Ek Kali Muskai (57780540) **12.00** Dekh Bhai Dekh (49124705) **12.30pm** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (20360057) **1.00** FILM: Eeshwar (24497095) **4.00** Saanp Seedi (28427231) **4.30** Manasi (28423415) **5.00** Zee Zone (69143611) **5.30** Hip Hip Hurray (20037928) **6.30** Zee and U (28428960) **7.00** BBCD (69135347) **7.30** Namaste India (28424144) **8.00** News **8.30** Filmi Chakker (69123502) **9.00-12.00** FILM Imaandaar (64650521)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5am to 8pm; TNT films. 9.00pm Zigzag (1970) (99852415) **11.00 The Gardener (1980)** (49820811) **12.50am Cool Breeze (1972)** (79026632) **2.35 The Day They Robbed the Bank of England (1960)**

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Shabby incident underlines declining status

Sherwood, the Blackburn Rovers captain, moves in to separate his warring players, Le Saux, left, and Batty

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT IS hard to determine whether English club football is held more in contempt than ridicule. Blackburn Rovers went to Moscow on Wednesday with nothing more to lose than their dignity; they managed that quite comfortably. The fight between Graeme Le Saux and David Batty, the England internationals, coming after their reckless collision while chasing the same ball, is seen abroad both as a laughing stock and a reflection on the outmoded, frenzied way that the English play their game.

Coming just a week after Birmingham City's bust-up in Ancona and in the same week that Paul Gascoigne's conduct in Scotland is under investigation, the whole perspective of the game in a country preparing to stage the European championship finals is unwanted and unhealthy.

The Football Association, appalled that two of its internationals could be seen so ill-disciplined on a televised stage, has asked Uefa, the European governing body, to investigate and punish them. The FA, of course, does not go so far as to ask Terry Venables to drop them from consideration for the international match against Portugal next month.

Why not? The very definition of a professional athlete in a contact sport ought to be control of aggression, control of body and mind. The collision, when Le Saux clattered into the back of Batty, was symptomatic of players rushing faster than the mind dictates, symptomatic of how England is falling short in Europe. Think back to the start of Blackburn's misadventure in the European Cup Champions' League, to the words of Ray Harford, the manager, who, promising typical strong English football, said that we would "see how brave they [the Russians] are".

Brave? They almost laughed themselves silly watching the fisticuffs of the two intemperate bantamweights. Oleg Romantsev, the Spartak Moscow coach, said: "This was the first time I've seen two people settle their scores on the field with a fist fight. I warned my players they would be against 11 guys ready to fight 90 minutes for each other . . . but after the fight, I knew that a team so badly split could be beaten easily."

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Aldershot fired up 44

Indeed they were, all three Russian goals coming down the flank supposedly guarded by Le Saux and Batty. Blackburn's own reaction is muted. "The club are disappointed with this incident," Rob Coar, the chairman, said yesterday. "Ray Harford will sit down with the players tomorrow [Friday] and if disciplinary action is deemed necessary, it will be carried out internally." That sounds painful, but most speculation surrounds a fine of two weeks' wages to each of them, to Le Saux for the punch aimed at the head of his team-mate, to Batty for the words that apparently sparked the fisticuffs, words allegedly impugning Le Saux's manhood.

It would be laughable if it were not in a game with such serious implications. League clubs are trying to sell themselves as places of tuition for boys from nine years of age upwards, under the new FA coaching blueprint. Parents will be as concerned about discipline as whatever skills unskilled players may pass on.

In addition, England, believe it or not, fares well in Uefa's fair play philosophy; indeed, an extra place in the Uefa Cup this season was gained because of it.

However, there are precedents suggesting that over-aggression is part and parcel of the professional macho. Bruce Grobbelaar was twice "internally" disciplined by Liverpool for his agitated behaviour towards his team-mates, and Graham Moseley and Graham Pearce, of Brighton, were booked at Old Trafford after fighting in 1981.

Mention Old Trafford and Eric Cantona comes to mind. He was fined by Auxerre for punching his goalkeeper and banned by Montpellier for assaulting a team-mate.

Cantona, in each case, had somewhere else to go, ultimately a more forgiving country, England. "There is a frenzy in British football," Johan Cruyff once observed. "They run and run when sometimes it would be better to slow down, to think about where they run and why". That comment, 21 years ago, has yet to penetrate the skulls of some professionals. Le Saux and Batty have not grasped it, but yesterday so many more in the premiership were asking what all the fuss is about? They claim that barely a week goes by on the training field without someone or other "having a go". Contempt, or ridicule?

Surrey pair score centuries

Ramprakash fast running out of chances

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in Bloemfontein

BLOEMFONTEIN (first day of three: England XI won the toss): Free State, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 280 runs behind an England XI

AFTER five days without cricket, England would have settled for small mercies when the sun finally shone again yesterday. They did better than that, nourished by centuries from Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe, but their darkest cloud refused to shift, Mark Ramprakash failing familiarly in the No 3 position, for which there is still no convincing claimant.

Ramprakash, of course, is not best judged on games such as these. Everyone knows that he can dominate when the bowling is ordinary and the occasion undemanding, as was certainly the case here, and yet his inability to exploit a depleted Free State attack on a bland pitch is not the preparation that he required for a Test match next week in which he will be batting for his England future.

Ramprakash is running out of time to avoid the dreaded epitaph of "unfulfilled enigma". Yesterday, he played a leaden-footed off-side shot at a ball from Chris Craven that demanded either being hit purposefully for four or left alone. A similarly innocuous ball dismissed him in the first Test, in Pretoria, though this time his crooked bat dragged the ball into his stumps. He had made 15, which was worryingly insufficient for a man in his position.

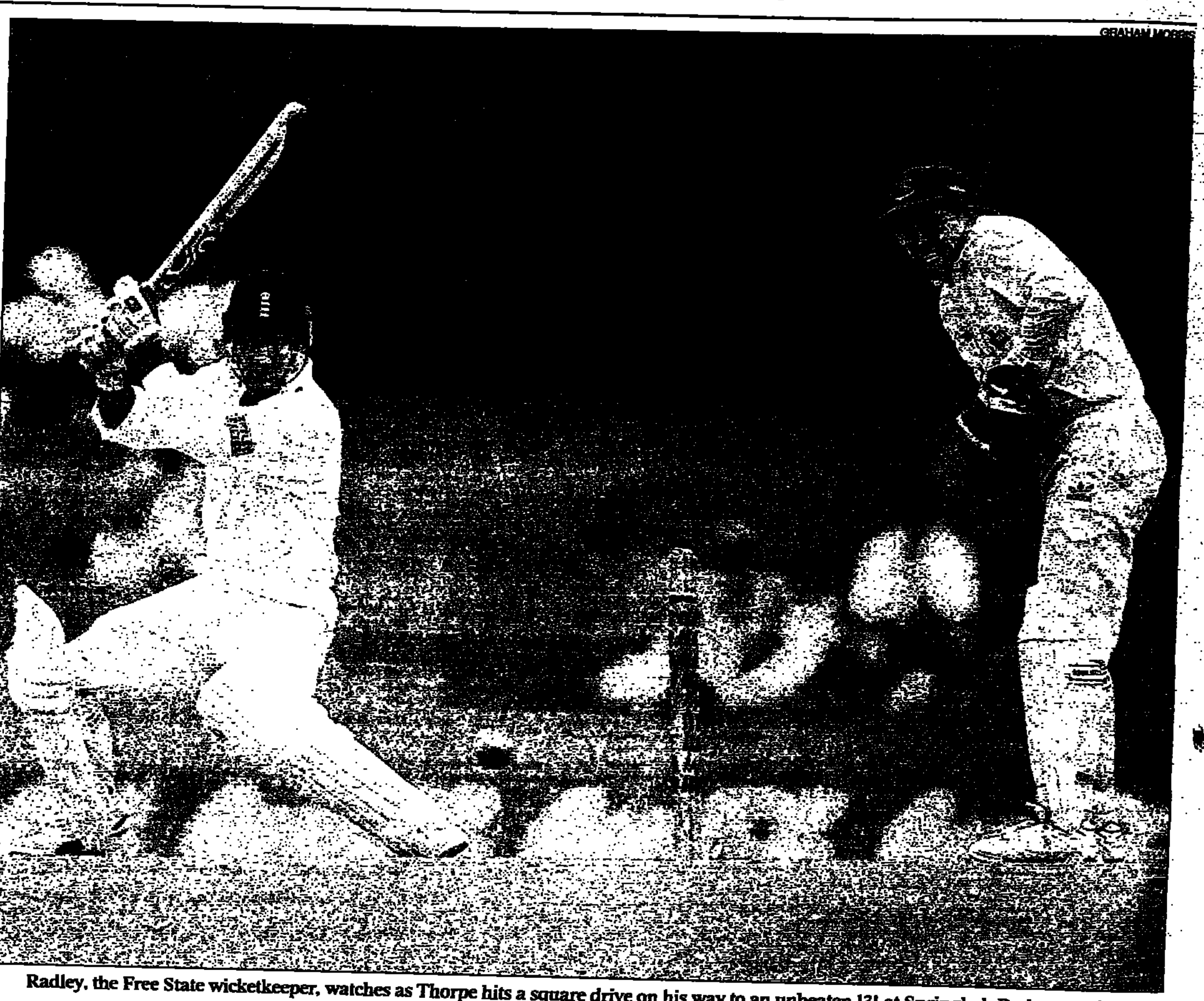
The stark difference between ability and accomplishment meant that nobody worried much when Michael Atherton was out for nought. He was caught at gully, off the shoulder of the bat, in the third over, and it appeared to be virtually the only ball that misbehaved all day. Atherton shrugged it off, blaming himself, but in his case there is no cause to doubt that it will be all right on the night.

Five years ago, Mike Gatting, another England captain, left his impression on Bloemfontein by describing the hostile demonstrations that accompanied the last of the "rebel" tours as "just a bit of singing and dancing". Mortified by the reaction, he admitted to David Graveney, his tour manager: "I think I may have put my foot in it."

Despite admission prices equating to 60p, there were not enough people in Springbok Park yesterday to constitute a quorum for a demonstration. This is rugby country, and even the State's two Castle Cup triumphs in the past three years, and the accession of Hansie Cronje, symbol of Free State Afrikaner, to national cricket captain, has evidently not shifted the loyalties of the locality.

So, Atherton wandered back to respectful silence from the few dozen present, and the rest of his batsmen, Ramprakash apart, made hay. The lasting qualities of this pitch are such that, twice in the past 12 months, Free State have scored upwards of 360 in the fourth innings to win. If Allan Donald knew what to expect, it is small wonder that he is sitting out the game, and for Devon Malcolm, who rushed in willingly but unavailingly for the final half-hour, it is the last surface on which he would have chosen to prove his potency.

Free State, fielding no bowler of great pace, introduced the left-arm spin of Nicky Boje for the ninth over, and he wheeled away for most of the day. Though his flight was teasing, there was no purchase for spin, and England allowed him to contain them longer than was necessary; a sign that neither Stewart nor Thorpe, the Surrey pair, was instantly in mid-season form.



Radley, the Free State wicketkeeper, watches as Thorpe hits a square drive on his way to an unbeaten 131 at Springbok Park yesterday

Stewart has been falling exaggeratedly to the off side, a fault that he cured as the innings progressed, while Thorpe's compulsion to thrash impatiently when the ball is full was only gradually sedated. For him, the time in the middle was precious; his four previous innings on tour had yielded only 39 runs. His confidence, understandably low, seeped slowly back over 4½ hours, and if this game achieves nothing more than that, it will have been worthwhile.

There is an infallible gauge of when Stewart feels on top of his game: he begins to twiddle his bat with jaunty vigour between balls. There was a good deal of this as lunchtime approached, and Raymond Illingworth, doubtless reassured, strode onto the grass hill that arcs around one half of this ground and removed his shirt — a manager at ease if ever there was one.

Thorpe's importance to the side was demonstrated by the whoops of approval that came from the England dressing-room as his cover drive emerged, well oiled, after lunch. By the time that Stewart reached his century, with his twentieth four, it had become so hard to envisage another wicket falling that Stewart exchanged hand signals with his captain about the advisability of retiring.

Atherton told him to keep going, but Stewart had now run out of steam and, having spent 52 minutes adding only ten, he heaved clumsily at Boje and was leg-before. Smith, caught down the leg side by Radley, the bespectacled wicketkeeper, was the only other casualty, before Crawley helped to set up a declaration that, for him, came frustratingly early.

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SCOREBOARD FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

ENGLAND XI: First Innings
*M A Atherton c Wilkinson b Pretorius 0
†A J Stewart lbw b Boje 110
M R Ramprakash b Craven 15
G P Thorpe not out 131
R A Smith c Radley b Bakkes 27
J P Crawley not out 28
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 1) 5
Total (4 wkts dec) 316

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-45, 3-186, 4-240.

D G Cork, M C Ilott, R K Illingworth, P J Martin and D E Malcolm did not bat.

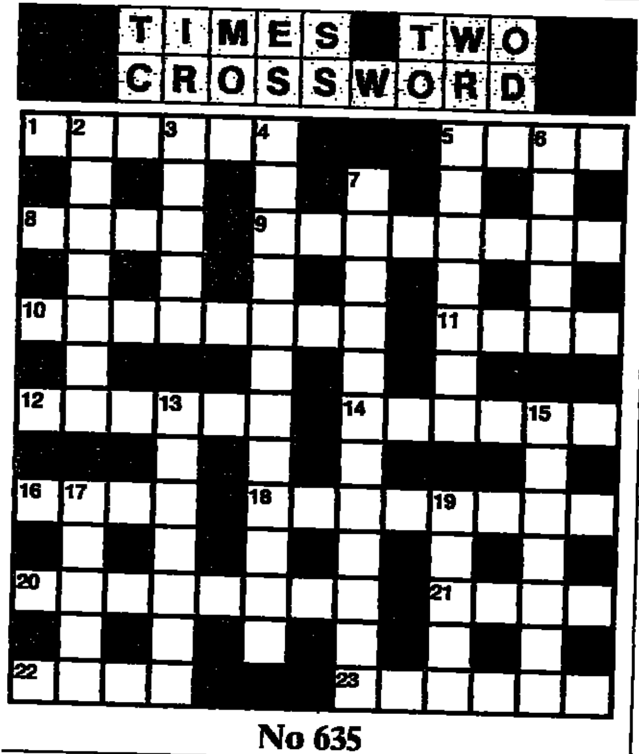
Bowling: Pretorius 17-3-79-1; Bakkes 16-3-42-1; Boje 34.5-14-91-1; Craven 15-5-51-1; Cronje 6-0-31-0; Venter 9-1-20-0.

FREE STATE: First Innings
D Jordaan not out 20
G F J Liebenberg not out 12
Extras (lb 4) 4
Total (no wkt) 36

*W J Cronje, L J Wilkinson, J F Venter, H H Dippenaar, C F Craven, N Boje, H C Bakkes, †P J L Radley, N W Pretorius.

BOWLING: Malcolm 4-0-19-0; Ilott 3-0-13-0.

Umpires: C J Mitchley and S B Lambson



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9 Salve (8)
10 Appalachian Indian (8)
11 Improvised accompaniment; siren (4)
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Snooker pockets lucrative BBC deal

Phil Yates says a new contract will secure the sport's future into the next century

The Ryder Cup, live FA Carling Premiership football and England's Test cricket overseas may be exclusively available to subscribers of Sky Sports, but snooker, whose prosperity is inextricably linked with its exposure on television, yesterday announced a lucrative long-term deal with the BBC.

It is understood that the corporation, whose six-year, £11 million contract expires next May, has paid £18 million to retain coverage of the Embassy world championship, snooker's blue riband event, along with the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship, Benson and Hedges Masters and Skoda Grand Prix until 2001.

Sky was involved in negotiations for the same package of tournaments with the board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), it is believed.

Waistcoated men, playing in cathedral-like silence, often late into the night, have been an integral part of British sporting culture since the BBC instituted daily live programmes from the world championship in 1978. Loyalty is likely to have played a role.

More significantly, the WPBSA was justifiably worried that, if BBC lost the rights to transmit its annual 17-day green-baize marathon at the Crucible, it might pull the plug on snooker altogether. With ITV having shown its last event in March 1993, such a scenario would have left the sport without any terrestrial television coverage.

As Sky attracts smaller — if growing — audiences, long-standing sponsors will also be pleased to see such an extension of the BBC contract. Many have pledged additional prize-money for their respective tournaments through to 2001, which makes the real value of the deal closer to £40 million for snooker overall. For its part, the WPBSA has pressed for certain concessions, such as earlier evening slots, perimeter advertising in arenas and for players to wear logos.

The new agreement is expected to secure the future of the Crucible Theatre as the home of the world championship. With Sky's liking for a multi-table format, the intimate Sheffield venue might have been deemed unsuitable.

Cynics have insisted that snooker is not the attraction it was when 18.5 million tuned in at twenty minutes after midnight to witness Dennis Taylor beat Steve Davis 18-17 on the black to capture the 1985 world title.

In many respects, that viewing figure has been an albatross around the neck of snooker. If the advent of satellite and cable channels is taken into account, leaving a declining share of total audiences, BBC snooker figures have remained a testimony to the sports popularity, with 13.4 million watching Stephen Hendry defeat Jimmy White in the conclusion to the 1993 world championship.

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